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THE Register of Bishop Nicholas Bubwith, now issued to subscribers, has been found sufficient by itself to fill two volumes, apart from the register of his successor, Bishop Stafford; and in the ordinary course of events these volumes, representing the subscriptions for 1913 and 1914, would have been sent out last autumn. But the outbreak of the war found Canon Scott Holmes on a holiday tour at Frankfort, when he undertook the great responsibility of escorting a number of non-combatants back to England. In the confusion, his own baggage, containing the manuscript of the Bishop's life and other sections of the Introduction, was lost; and on his return this portion had to be rewritten. This explanation will sufficiently account for the unfortunate delay in issuing the volumes.

The negotiations referred to in the last report with the Council of the Devon and Cornwall Record Society have been successful, and the two Societies are now co-operating in the production of the contents of a valuable manuscript compiled by the great West Country antiquary, Sir William Pole. The owner, Sir Reginald Pole-Carew, K.C.B., of Antony in Cornwall, has kindly allowed the book, described by the Rev. John Prince

(Worthies of Devon) as being a folio as big as a church bible, to be removed to the Public Record Office for transcription. But again the war has interfered with our plans. The transcriber received a commission as an officer interpreter, and was obliged to leave his work uncompleted. As it was not to be expected that the manuscript could remain in London for an indefinite period, another transcriber had to be found, and the work is now proceeding. Having examined the portion already finished, I can confirm the opinion of the late Mr. John Batten that it is an important and verified contribution to the genealogy and topography of the Western counties. The collection might very well be described as a chartulary of divers private persons in Devon and Somerset, the deeds ranging from Henry II to Henry VIII, and their contents will help to bridge over many gaps in the public records. I must ask for the kind forbearance of subscribers if future volumes do not appear as regularly as could be desired.

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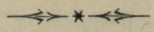

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INTRODUCTION.

The Life of Bishop Bubwith.

From the Register of Bishop Bubwith we obtain no information concerning the bishop's parentage or his early history. One of his name, Thomas de Bubbewith, was made a prebendary of Wells on the bishop's collation within a year of his becoming bishop of the See and we may assume that he was a relative, but that is all. Nicholas Bubwith came to us, passing from London to Wells through Salisbury, as the result of a compromise between Henry IV and pope Gregory XII. The king would not agree to Robert Hallam as archbishop of York and so bishop Bowet became the archbishop and Salisbury was vacated by bishop Bubwith, who came to Wells, and Hallam was appointed to Salisbury. From Bubwith's will, a copy of which is entered in Archbishop Chicheley's Register, we learn that he was born at Menthorp, a hamlet on the banks of the Derwent in the East Riding of Yorkshire about five miles east of Selby. Menthorp is in the parish of Hemyngburgh, the parish that adjoins that of Bubwith on the south west, and the hamlet of Menthorp is within a mile of the parish church of Bubwith. In Menthorp the future bishop was born and at Bubwith he received his elementary education.

During the second half of the fourteenth century there are seven persons who take their name from the parish of Bubwith and whose names are recorded in the annals of the time. Thomas de Bubbewith is mentioned in 1343 as having married Isabel de Brighton who inherits under the will of William de Ross of Hamelake. (*Cal. of Inq. p.m.*, vol. viii, Ed. III, p. 334.) The family of Brighton took its name from a hamlet of Brighton about a mile and a half from Bubwith and from Menthorp. There was about the same time a Robert de Bubbewith who in 1349 was a chantry priest at Aldburgh and afterwards became vicar of that parish. (*C.P.R. Ed. III*, vol. viii, p. 427.) In 1385

we meet with a Henry de Bubwith who was mainprize with others of Richard Bryghous preceptor and keeper of the hospital of S. Antoine in the diocese of Vienne in England. (*C.P.R. Ric. II*, 1381–1385, p. 582.) Whatever may have been the connection between this Henry and our bishop, we find, in the bishop's register, three or four appeals on behalf of the hospital of S. Antoine in Vienne, and of the English hospital of St. Anthony in London, which seem to suggest that Henry de Bubbewith was related to bishop Nicholas. In 1389 this Henry was King's Sergeant at Arms. (*C.P.R. R. II*, 1388–92, p. 17.) There was also a William de Bubbewith of Kingston on Hull in 1386 (*C.P.R. R. II*, 1377–81, p. 577) and an Adam de Bubbewith who lost his life in 1366 apparently in an attempt to rob on the king's highway. (*C.P.R. Ed. III*, vol. xiii, p. 226.) Perhaps therefore Henry, Thomas and Nicholas were brothers, sons of Thomas and Isabel de Bubbewith, of whom Henry was the oldest and had settled in Pontefract in 1375.

Our earliest information concerning Nicholas Bubwith is his appointment by the Crown to the Church of Lankenlau, Llangynllo, in Cardiganshire in the diocese of St. Davids, to which he was presented in June 1379 (*C.P.R. R. II*, 1377–1381, p. 351), and two years afterwards he received the benefice of Alvescote, Alvescot in Oxfordshire, *i.e.*, January 1381. (*Ibid.*, p. 590.) In 1387 he appears to be in the king's service and acts with the auditors of the exchequer (*C.P.R. R. II*, 1385–9, p. 354), and in 1393 with two others has the care of the temporalities of the See of Llandaff. (*C.P.R. R. II*, 1391–1396, p. 325.) In July of this year he is confirmed in his possession as rector of Brynton, prebendary of Rington in the cathedral church of Lichfield and warden of the free chapel of Stikilpath. (*Ibid.*, p. 310.) In the year following (1394) he received the prebend in Llandaff cathedral church which Richard Benningham had held (*Ibid.*, p. 412), and in 1396 he is presented to the prebend of Heyes in the cathedral church of Exeter and gives up the Llandaff prebend of Warthacombe. (*Ibid.*, p. 714, and *C.P.R. R. II*, 1396–1399, p. 1.) In 1397 Richard II went to Ireland and apparently Nicholas Bubwith stays in England (*Ibid.*, p. 82), and in July receives a papal indult of non-residence in regard to his canonry at Lichfield and permission to let it out and a

further permission to have a portable altar. (*C. Papal Letters*, vol. v, p. 23.) In the same year he is provided with the expectation of the archdeaconry of Dorset, a benefice not exceeding 150 marks and which was void and in the gift of the pope because Adam cardinal of St. Cæcilia had died at Rome. He is described as then in possession of the churches of Brynton and Navesby and he is ordered to resign one of these when he shall obtain possession of this archdeaconry. (*Ibid.*, vol. v, p. 82.) In order to make sure of this papal provision Bubwith had obtained letters patent but in June 1398 this patent was revoked (*C.P.R. R. II*, 1396–1399, p. 376), and in October he obtains another papal provision reserving for him a prebend at York, or at St. John's, Beverley, or at Ripon, but one of major dignity at York, and he was given permission to hold this with two other benefices and with power to exchange these benefices as often as he liked (*C. Papal Letters*, vol. v, p. 102), and in April 1399 he obtains a patent which confirms him in the prebend of Uffeley in the church of Lichfield. He is now described as king's clerk. (*C.P.R. R. II*, 1396–1399, p. 380.) During the autumn of this year we have some explanation of the difficulty he experienced in obtaining the archdeaconry of Dorset and the reason he sought yet further endowment. In June 1398 Henry Chichele brought an action against Nicholas Bubwith, rector of Brinton in the diocese of Lincoln, in reference to this archdeaconry of Dorset. Michael Sergeaux had obtained from pope Boniface IX the provision of it, and he was now dead, and it was because of the voidance created by his death, that Bubwith claimed it. But Henry Chichele had been appointed archdeacon by the bishop of Salisbury and Nicholas Bubwith had to state the grounds for his claim. John bishop of Lubeck was the president of the commission of enquiry. Michael Sergeaux had entered into possession of it as soon as he had heard of the cardinal of St. Cæcilia's death. The pope commissioned the auditor of the papal court to consider the claims of the two men and if he so judged right he was to admit Henry Chichele, but the auditor assigned it to Nicholas Bubwith. Then Chichele appealed and the auditor Branda de Castellione dismissed the appeal and again Chichele appealed to Nicholas of Girgenti and Nicholas de Ferentino, papal chaplains, and

meanwhile Chichele invaded the archdeaconry. The bishop of Lubeck, however, reappointed him to the archdeaconry and then compelled him to resign, and perpetual silence was imposed on Nicholas Bubwith. (*C. Papal Letters*, vol. v, p. 205.) That same year (1399), however, Bubwith was consoled by the Crown by the prospect of a prebend in Ripon and with the archdeaconry of Exeter (April 9) and a pardon (April 21) for his applications to Rome. (*C.P.R. R. II*, 1396–1399, pp. 528, 517, 557, 560.)

It must not be imagined that these grants, either papal or royal, procured for Bubwith actual possession of these benefices. Difficulties were always arising and often litigation followed and it would almost appear as if the number of the grants was influenced by the knowledge that only a proportion of them would ever come to him.

On 9 April, 1400, Nicholas Bubwith obtains from the pope the reservation of a canonry and prebend at York not exceeding 80 marks in value, the particular stall being that which was shortly to become vacant by the promotion of John Bottlesham to the See of Rochester (*C.P.L.* vol. v, p. 340). Meanwhile the king's clerk seems to have made his peace with Henry IV and on 11 May, 1400, he is appointed by the Crown on a commission to organise the finances and to administer the estates of the abbey of Bermondsey overburdened by death through the mal-administration of John Attleburgh the late abbot. (*C.P.R. H. IV*, 1399–1401, p. 284.) In June of this year we find him described as one of the Masters in Chancery. He had been provided by the pope with the prebend of Bool in the cathedral church of York, and also with the archdeaconry of Richmond, and the late king had suspended the Statute of Provisors on his behalf. Nicholas however dare not claim possession of it until on 14 June he had obtained from Henry IV pardon for his action and confirmation in his benefices. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1399–1401, p. 43.) In December of this year he obtains a papal indult for absence from the archdeaconry of Dorset and permission to perform the duties by deputy and to enjoy for life the revenue of the archdeaconry. (*C.P.L.*, vol. v, p. 408.)

On 28 June, 1401, Nicholas Bubwith the King's clerk in chancery is presented with the parsonage of Bishop's Cleeve in the diocese of Worcester and on 31 August and again on

20 September has licence to possess and sue in a Court Christian his claim at York which apparently was opposed, and on this same day he has permission from the Crown to enter into full possession of his papal grace and provision. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV.* 1399–1401, pp. 540, 542, 545.) This is followed in January of the next year (1401) with the grant made him by the Crown of the archdeaconry of Richmond and a mandate was issued for his installation to the archbishop and the dean and chapter of York. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1401–5, p. 27.)

Bubwith had certainly made his peace with Henry and had become his secretary and on 1 Feb., 1402, he is appointed on a commission to manage the affairs of the abbey of Lesnes, Lesenes in Kent, impoverished through mismanagement, and on 20 April he is given as king's secretary a canonry at Salisbury and another at Chichester and two days later, 22 April, the abbot of Westminster and the dean of London are ordered by the pope to collate Bubwith canon of Chichester to the still void canonry and prebend of Charminster and Beere, which did not exceed in yearly value 350 marks, and the next day (23 April) he receives the royal pardon for receiving the papal provisions and has licence to accept the prebend of Charminster and on 24 April he has a formal presentation to the church of Bishop's Cleeve which had come into the king's hands through the vacancy in the See of Worcester (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1401–5, pp. 38, 85, 88, 90, and *C.P.L.*, vol. v, pp. 464 and 469).

This last promotion Nicholas Bubwith did not obtain, however, without litigation. In 1403 we hear of him as king's chaplain and he is opposed in reference to the benefice of Bishop's Cleeve by John Bremor who appealed to the papal court and the case was heard on 22 March, 1403, by Bertrand de Castellione, papal auditor. Bubwith had however already been collated to the benefice by the new bishop of Worcester and so Bremor withdrew and Bubwith was confirmed in it. The benefice was not above 200 marks in yearly value. Yet Bubwith was already in possession of benefices the annual value of which amounted to 1200 marks and he is described as holding the prebends of Driffield in York, Ilton in Wells, Offeley in Lichfield, Charminster and Beere in Salisbury, certain prebends in London and Exeter, the prebend of

Grinedale or Skelton in Ripon and of Heghes in the castle of Exeter and the archdeaconry of Dorset. (*C.P.L.*, vol. v, p. 595.)

On 24 September, 1402 (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1401-5, p. 120), Bubwith had been appointed keeper of the Rolls of Chancery and could rely on the support of the Crown in his search for endowment. On 3 July, 1403, he had an action with Richard Conyngston, canon of Lichfield, in reference to the prebend of Boole in the cathedral church of York, but before the decision of the papal court Bubwith had obtained the prebend of Driffield and yields his claim to John Ixworth, rector of Sevenoaks. In September 1403 the Crown ratified Bubwith's appointment to the prebend of Thame in the cathedral church of Lincoln (*C.P.L.*, vol. v, p. 595, *C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1401-5, p. 206).

At the end of 1403 Bubwith apparently gave up the prebend of Charminster in the church of Salisbury, for we find that 5 Jan., 1404, John Franceys obtained provision of it by papal bull, and received the royal pardon and was confirmed in it. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1401-5, p. 52.)

During the year 1404 Bubwith seems to have remained in London and held officially the pledges of those allowed to go abroad or to Ireland.

In March 1405 he succeeds Thomas Longley as Keeper of the Privy Seal and holds the office till 4 Oct., 1406, when John Prophet succeeded him (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1405-8, p. 122, 319) and in the following year acts as attorney for Richard Lord Grey, the King's chamberlain, who had gone to Ireland and is also appointed one of the trustees of lands and money belonging to the queen-mother. In June 1406 he is still referred to as Keeper of the Privy Seal (*Ibid.*, pp. 138, 185 and 200). On 14 May, 1406, Robert Hallam was provided by the pope with the see of York and Nicholas Bubwith with that of London (*C.P.L.*, vol. vi, 82) and on 22 May Bubwith becomes one of the Council of seventeen appointed to administer the kingdom during the King's illness and on 15 April, 1407, he is appointed Lord Treasurer of England in succession to Lord Furnival (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1405-8, p. 311). His accounts begin 16 April, 1407, and end on 14 July, 1408, when he handed his duties over to Sir John Tiptob. Nicholas Bubwith was consecrated bishop at Mortlake on 26 Sept., 1406, by the

archbishop assisted by the bishops of Winchester and Worcester and the temporalities of the See of London were handed over to him on 27 Sept. (*C.P.R.*, *Ibid.*, p. 225) though the king had allowed the commissioners who had received the revenues of the bishoprics to pay them over to Bubwith as early as 22 July, 1406 (*Ibid.* p. 206). On 18 Oct., 1406, Nicholas bishop of London is appointed as King's justice to hear with others the complaints of the men of Kempen, Holland, and Zeeland concerning the injuries they had received at sea from English traders (*Ibid.* p. 301).

The appointment of Robert Hallam by the pope to the Archbishopric of York was not pleasing to Henry, and he sent envoys to Sienna to request the withdrawal of Hallam's name and on 22 June, 1407, Gregory XII gave way. The pope however had already provided Bubwith with the See of Salisbury rendered vacant by the death of bishop Mitford (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1405–8, p. 317) but as Hallam was not to go to York a vacancy had to be made for him. Henry IV proposed, therefore, that Henry Bowet bishop of Bath and Wells should go to York and on 1 Dec., 1407, the temporalities of York are granted to him and on the same day the temporalities of Salisbury are granted to Robert late archbishop of York. Meanwhile the pope had translated Bubwith from Salisbury to Wells, who is said to have paid 13,000 gold florins to the pope for this preferment (*cf.* Jones, *Fasti Eccles. Saris.*, i, 96), but as the bull for his appointment had not arrived on 2 Dec., 1407, the temporalities of the see were placed in the hands of commissioners and were not given to Bubwith till 1 April, 1408. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1405–8, p. 317, 383, 384, 423, *C.P.L.*, vol. vi, p. 133.) Bubwith's tenure of the See of London lasted from May 1406 to August 1407 and his tenure of Salisbury from August to December 1407.

When Bubwith arrived in his diocese of Bath and Wells he found his episcopal manors in need of repair and so they seem to have remained from the death of bishop Ralph de Salopia in 1362. Bishop Ralph had left considerable sums for their repair and the bishops who had succeeded him, bishops Harewell, Skirlaw, Erghum, and Bowet, had retained the money and neglected the repairs. Bubwith was compelled therefore to appeal to the papal court because archbishop Bowet had received the money and apparently was unwilling or slow to hand it over. An enquiry

was therefore instituted by Gregory XII and the bishop of Winchester was ordered to undertake it. (*C.P.L.*, vol. vi, p. 133.)

We can now turn to his register for information as to what he did in the diocese now that he had become its bishop. When he came first to Wells and whether he was enthroned personally or by proxy we cannot say. The first document issued in Somerset is one which he decreed when he was at his manor of Evercreech 22 March, 1409.

During the first three months of the year 1408, while bishop Bubwith was waiting the arrival of the bull translating him from Salisbury to Bath and Wells and before he had received restitution of the temporalities, canon Richard Pittes administered the diocese as vicar general of archbishop Bowet, but in April 1408, at his house in St. Clement Danes, *i.e.* the London house of the bishops of Bath and Wells, Bubwith appointed as his vicar general, canon Richard Bruton, chancellor of the cathedral church, and he explains his action as due to the fact that certain arduous causes compelled him to be absent from Wells and his diocese for the present. (*Bowet Register*, *S.R.S.*, vol. 13, No. 330). He was indeed Lord Treasurer of England and continued in that office until 15 July, 1408.

On 3 Aug., 1408, the bishop received a mandate from the Crown to arrest any Lollards who might be discovered in the diocese and who were teaching new, and unheard of, doctrines contrary to the Catholic Faith, and nearly a year later he was commissioned to make a proclamation in Bristol against these satellites of Satan. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1408–13, p. 109 and 476.) We will deal, however, with his efforts against the Lollards in a later section and refer no more to them here.

The earlier portion of Bishop Bubwith's Register offers abundant evidence of the hurried character of his translation and his absence from Wells. His Vicar General, Chancellor Bruton, made use of the last ten sheets, fol. 48*b*–58, of Bishop Bowet's Register, on which to enter a record of his official acts. Then in bishop Bubwith's own register there are two beginnings. The first sheet is dated January 12, 1410, and was begun at Wookey where the bishop was then staying. On the eighth sheet we have another beginning of a formal nature in which is formally entered most of the acts which Vicar General Bruton

had written down in the last sheets of Bowet's Register, going back to a statement of his translation by the pope from Salisbury to Wells in December 1407, and the royal commission of enquiry, and restitution of the temporalities in April 1408.

Now it is clear that what we have at the end of bishop Bowet's Register is the record made by Chancellor Bruton as Vicar General and before the arrival of bishop Bubwith in his diocese. It is not so clear as to how the entries came to be made in the first eight sheets of Bishop Bubwith's Register. There are some repetitions but the formal record which begins on sheet 8 is not a transcript of what had been entered before, the differences are real but complementary and not contradictory, and it would point to the bishop's preoccupation in state affairs and his inability or lack of opportunity of setting up his own formal register until he had been in his diocese nearly three years. His appointment of Chancellor Bruton as his commissary was sealed with the seal he used as bishop of London. (No. 73.)

In July 1408 the Cardinals of Gregory XII and of Benedict XIII decided to summon a Council of the Church to assemble at Pisa in the spring of 1409 and on 13 August, 1408, a mandate was issued by the archbishop of Canterbury, through the bishop of London, to bishop Bubwith to collect from his diocese a levy of three halfpence in the pound for the expenses of those who should be chosen as delegates of the English Church at Pisa. (*Cf. Bowet* No. 343, *Bubwith* No. 102.) The Cardinal Archbishop of Bordeaux, Cardinal Aguccione, came to England to secure the moral support of the Church and Crown to this effort to end the schism and promote the peace of the Church, and on 8 Nov., 1408, bishop Bubwith received at Dogmersfield a king's messenger bidding him go to Dover and meet the archbishop of Bordeaux and conduct him to London. (*Cf. Issue Rolls* 10 H. IV.)

On 12 November, 1408, the king wrote to bishop Bubwith expressing his readiness to co-operate in this movement for peace and reform and asked him to select *unum notabilem doctorem* to go to Pisa to represent there himself and the diocese of Bath and Wells. (*Cf. Bowet*, No. 355.)

The king's idea was that the church and nation should be represented by the two archbishops with four doctors to advise them, five bishops to represent their fellow bishops and a doctor

to represent the clergy of each diocese and similar representatives also of the monastic orders were to be selected. (Rymer's *Fœdera*, viii, p. 567, Edn. 1709.)

The actual representation of the English Church however was not so full. Convocation or apparently a committee of the Southern House of Convocation chose Henry Chichele, bishop of St. Davids, Robert Hallam bishop of Salisbury and Thomas the prior of Christchurch, Canterbury (Wilkins, *Conc.*, iii, p. 313) and it is probable that some doctors at their own expense or at the expense of the diocese, additional to the levy for the official delegates, may have gone as special representatives of their own diocese.

It has been stated that bishop Bubwith was one of the delegates of the English Church and the late Mr. Wylie told us that he actually received his passport on 16 Feb., 1409. This statement caused me considerable trouble. I hesitated to controvert it and yet I could not reconcile it with what I knew concerning the bishop's movements from other sources. It is clear however that Mr. Wylie has been misled or failed to understand the information which had been collected for him. Bishop Bubwith certainly did not go to Pisa. The Council was opened on 25 March, 1409, and dissolved 7 August, 1409. The bishop was still a king's clerk, one of the three trusted servants of Henry IV, and could not be spared. He certainly was at Evercreech on 22 March, 1409, and again on April 27 and his register shows that he was in London all through May and June and July.

Among the Treaty Rolls for 1409 we find bishop Bubwith, as an officer of the Crown, receiving the attornies of John Colville, who went abroad on 7 February, of Robert Hallam bishop of Salisbury, who left on 14 Feb., of Robert Crull, who left on 16 February, and of Sir Hugh Mortymer, who left for France on 16 May. (*Treaty Rolls*, No. 92, *French Roll*, 10 H. IV, m. 6 and 9.) It is said also that bishop Bubwith was one of the bishops who took part in the selection made by the Canterbury Convocation (*D'Achery*, i, 858).

Mr. Wylie quotes Erler's *Dietrich von Nieheim*, p. 186, but Dietrich does not mention the English representatives at Pisa, and of Mansi's list says: wo Namen meist bis zur Unkenntlich-

keit verstümmelt sind. Mansi (xxvii, 332) tells us of the arrival of the abbot of Westminster and of the bishops of Salisbury and Menevia and expressly says that the bishops of Durham and Bath and Wells were represented by deputies, "Bathoniensis qui misit procuratorem" (*Mansi*, xxvi, 1239). In the formal title of his register, p. 22, there is a statement in reference to his absence from his diocese *ipso in remotis agente* which seems to suggest that there had been an idea that he would go to Pisa, but, whatever may have been the expectation in the diocese, the evidence above shows clearly that he was in London and did not leave the country. The year 1409 was a year of special effort against the Lollards and archbishop Arundel in the spring of this year drew up his constitutions in which he endeavoured to compel the University of Oxford to condemn publicly the doctrines of Wycliffe and to undertake an inquisition to suppress the spreading of his views. Bishop Bubwith probably took part in this convocation and on June 9 received a mandate from the Crown to make proclamations in Bristol against these satellites of Satan. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1408-13, p. 109.) As we have already stated the bishop was at Evercreech in March and April, in London during the months of May, June and July, and we have news of him once more in London on November 21. He seems however to have spent the autumn in a tour of his diocese, for leaving Dogmersfield towards the end of August we find him at Banwell in September, Keynsham, Bath and Bruton during October, then he went to Wookey at the beginning of November, and after a hurried visit to London he seems to have spent the end of the year at his manor houses of Wells, Wookey and Banwell.

In 1410 he left Wells in the middle of January and remained for the greater part of the year in London. Archbishop Arundel had certainly need of one of his bishops who was so influential with the king, and Henry also needed the advice of his faithful clerk. On 1 March, 1410, he took part with the archbishops of Canterbury and York in the hall of the Black Friars in the trial and condemnation of John Badby (Wilkins, *Conc.*, iii, 325), and at the beginning of May he is mentioned to the Commoners at the opening of Parliament as of the king's council. (*Rot. Parl.*, iii, 632). In June he is appointed on a commission to borrow

money for the Crown, and in July is again mentioned as having, with others, lent the king 500 marks. (*C.P.R. H. IV*, 1408–13, p. 204 and 215). His presence in his diocese seem to have been confined to the first half of January and to the month of July.

During the year 1411 bishop Bubwith was much engaged in state affairs. On 23 May he was appointed one of the commissioners with the bishop of Durham and Richard earl of Warwick to arrange with the bishops of St. Andrew and Glasgow and the Earls Douglas and March for a peace between England and Scotland. The commissioners were to meet at Handenstank and the commission to continue until the end of July, and on 30 November the commissioners received the thanks of the Crown. (Rymer's *Fœdera*, viii, 682, 703. *Rot. Scot.*, ii, 296, 197.) He was in Wells however for the month of May and part of June, and at Wookey in April and September, and paid one or two visits to his manor house at Dogmersfield. During the next two years bishop Bubwith spent the greater part of his time in the diocese of Bath and Wells, and it would seem as if he were withdrawing more and more from the service of the State. He was present at Rotherhithe when on 19 July, 1412, Henry IV made his second son prince Thomas earl of Albemarle and duke of Clarence. On 22 October, 1412, the bishop received the royal pardon for all escapes of robbers, felons, and criminous clerks which had been committed to his keeping, an act which suggests an acquittance on his retirement into more private life. (*C.P.R. H. IV*, 1408–13, p. 436).

The Council of Pisa had failed in its efforts for reform. It had in June, 1409, deposed the two popes Gregory XII and Benedict XIII, and had in their place elected the archbishop of Milan, who took the title of Alexander V. Since however neither of the deposed popes would acknowledge the action of the cardinals, Christendom was the more scandalised by this sight of three rival popes. Alexander V died in 1410, and in his place this group of cardinals chose Balthasar Cossa who took the title of John XXIII; three rival vicars of Christ denouncing one another and sapping the very foundations of the Christian Faith. In the same year Sigismund of Luxemburg, king of Hungary, was elected king of the Romans, and by the death of the emperor Rupert was recognised as sole emperor. Sigismund was determined, if possible, to end the schism and reform the

Church, and since the enmity of Ladislaus of Naples filled pope John XXIII with fear, he came more and more under the protection of the emperor. The cardinals urged the pope to call a new council of the church, and the pope delayed in order that he might so arrange that when the Council met it should be entirely under his influence.

Sigismund, however, and most of the cardinals were opposed to the idea of a council which should only meet to ratify decrees already decided on by John XXIII, and the serious needs of the pope made him yield to the terms of the emperor. It was to be a continuation of the Council of Pisa, and of course he, as pope, was to preside. In March, however, of 1413 the place where the Council should meet had not been decided. Everything, said the pope, depended on the place. It must be where the pope would have full liberty of action and would not be under the domination of the emperor. At last he agreed that the Council should meet at Constance and the imperial edict and the papal bull cited all Christendom to appear and join in the effort to reform the Church. The date of the document was May 15, 1413. The pope however proceeded very slowly. He was afraid as to the line the Council would take up. The bull sent to England to announce the summons to the Council is dated from Lodi 21 November, 1413, and John XXIII mentions Antony the cardinal of St. Cæcilia, Francis the cardinal of St. Cosmas and Damian and Manuel Thessoloram a Military Knight from Constantinople, as the messengers deputed to come to England to summon the English Church to the Council. (Wilkins, *Conc.*, iii, 366.)

There is no record, as in the case of the Council of Pisa, of the choice by the English Church of its representatives for Constance. Archbishop Chichele selected Doctor Corf, Robert Appulton a canon of York, John Forst a canon of Lichfield and John Sirman as his personal representatives (Wilkins, *Conc.*, iii, 369) and their appointment is dated 30 October, 1414. The new King Henry V seems to have made a selection which would be alike representative of Church and State. If it was an embassy for the reform of the Church it was also one entrusted with a political object for leagues of peace and solemn treaties with the emperor Sigismund. England then was represented by Nicholas Bubwith, bishop of Bath and Wells, Robert Hallam, bishop of Salisbury, John

Catterick bishop of St. Davids, Richard earl of Warwick, William abbot of Westminster, Henry Lord Fitzhugh, John the prior of Worcester, Sir Walter Hungerford and Sir Ralph Rocheford and John Honyngham a notary public, and to them were added at the same date, 20 Oct., 1414, the abbot of St. Mary's York (Rymer's *Fœdera*, ix, p. 167, 168 and 169).* Bishop Bubwith's passport is dated 28 Oct., 1414, and Lord Fitzhugh the King's chamberlain was granted on 8 Nov. leave of absence for six months. (*Ibid.*, p. 170 and 177.) From his registry we find that bishop Bubwith was in his diocese, with the exception of a journey to Leicester at the end of May, all the year until the month of October, when he went to London, and on 19 Nov. he was at Canterbury on his way to Dover.

In June 1414 the bishop of Augsburg and others arrived at Constance to make preparations for the Emperor Sigismund and on August 12 John de Brogni, generally known as the Cardinal of Viviers, arrived to arrange for the pope and his suite. He was the doyen of the Cardinals and would preside in the absence of the pope at the sessions of the Council. On 28 October John XXIII arrived at Constance and with him a considerable number of Italian bishops whom he felt he could rely on to uphold his interest.

The Council should have been opened on November 1 but the pope deferred this ceremony until the fifth because of the, as yet, scanty attendance of representatives. The emperor Sigismund had been crowned this month at Aachen and this event had doubtless kept back many who would otherwise have arrived somewhat earlier. The pope had been accompanied on his arrival at Constance by nine cardinals but it was certain he could not rely on them to uphold his views as to the relationship of the pope to the Council. On 17 November Peter d'Ailli bishop of

* Canon John Reynolds afterwards subdean of Wells was present as a Notary and Thomas Polton, archdeacon of Taunton. whom Henry V used as his ambassador to the Court of Rome was also a Notary for the English Nation and pressed for the immediate execution of John Hus. Another canon of Wells, William Carr, was present as the representative of Queen Joan, and canons Scherford and Wells perhaps represented the Chapter. They both died at Constance (*cf. Wells Hist. MSS.*, vol. ii, p. 57). Canon Henry Abyndon received from the Chapter £2 for his work at the Council. (*Ibid.*, p. 55.)

Cambrai, better known as the cardinal of Cambrai, led the opposition to John XXIII. The cardinals and the emperor were in earnest. The Council had been called to reform the Church, and not necessarily to uphold John XXIII against his rivals Gregory XII and Benedict XIII. It was true that these had both been deposed by the Council of Pisa, but, as things stood, the matter had now to be considered anew. The pope was anxious to hurry on the action of the Council and the number of Italian bishops gave him hopes of securing a majority for his plans. The cardinals, however, were in favour of the vote by nations, and, as the representatives from the north arrived, the majority in favour of this view steadily increased. On 7 December representatives of England arrived, and there was soon after an assembly of the prelates, who agreed to take in hand the reform of the Church. This duty was strongly enforced on 28 December by the Cardinal of Cambrai in a sermon he preached before the Council. The Emperor Sigismund had arrived in Constance on December 24, and his presence at once encouraged the party in favour of reform. The representatives from England were recognised as supporting it, and their arrival had filled the reformers with hope. (*Von der Hardt.*, ii, p. viii, p. 189.)

In putting forward, on 28 November, the trial of John Hus, who coming from Bohemia on 6 November had been arrested, in violation of his letters of protection, John XXIII had hoped to make himself secure in the Council before the question of his relation to it had been discussed, and the question was in fact delayed until the early spring. On 7 Feb., 1415, the Council decided to vote by nations, a decision which at once deprived the pope of his majority of Italian bishops. On 11 and 12 March John of Nassau archbishop of Mainz, in whose province the See of Constance was, spoke in favour of John XXIII but the bishop of Salisbury maintained that he ought to be burnt (*Von der Hardt.*, iv, p. 57.) The emperor's encouragement of the Council and its action towards the papacy had created more than suspicion between Sigismund and John XXIII, and the pope's delay and intrigue, after the cardinals had presented to him a formal deed of resignation for signature, had created bitter feeling and made it evident that, if reform was to be accomplished, the Council

would have to depose John XXIII, as the Council of Pisa had five years ago deposed his two rivals.

It had become evident to the cardinals and bishops that the pope was now desirous of closing the Council, or, at least of transferring it to some place where his influence would be more effective. In February the French, German and English nations had decided that all three popes, John, Gregory and Benedict, must be deposed, and on 16 March the English and German nations decided that they would oppose all attempts to transfer the Council from Constance to some other place.

On 19 March the Emperor Sigismund had a private interview with pope John and he was accompanied by bishop Hallam of Salisbury. Hallam's learning had great weight at Constance, and when called upon to argue, before the pope, the authority of the Council, he openly told him that the Council was above the pope. (*Von der Hardt.*, ii, 260.) At this the pope took offence and closed the interview, and on the next day left Constance secretly and took refuge at Schaffhausen.

On 17 April, at the VIth Session, proctors of the nations were chosen to carry on negotiations with the absent pope and among the English was Nicholas Bubwith (*Ibid.*, iv, 113-116) bishop of Bath and Wells.

At the IXth Session of the Council, on May 13, bishop Hallam sang High Mass. The action of pope John XXIII was then immediately taken in hand. Bishop Bubwith went to the west door of the cathedral church and publicly summoned the absent bishop, and, as his absence proved his contumacy, he was then suspended. Bishop Hallam was among those appointed to pass judgment on him. (*Von der Hardt.*, iv, 179.) A little later in the month he was arrested and brought to Radolfszell and on 29 May deposed.

In the trial and condemnation of John Hus the English representatives seem to have taken their part, and it is said that when the crowd cried out that Jerome of Prague should be burnt, the bishop of Salisbury replied by quoting "I will not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live." Hus was burnt 8 June, 1415, and Jerome of Prague 30 May, 1416.

The deposition of pope John XXIII on 29 May, 1415, was followed on 4 July of the same year by the abdication of

Gregory XII, and now Benedict XIII was the only hindrance in the action of the Council on behalf of the peace of the Church.

On 11 July, 1415, two English representatives, John Wells, canon of Wells, and Hugh Holbeck, were chosen to go with the emperor Sigismund to Nice to obtain from pope Benedict his abdication and on 15 July the emperor left Constance.

Naturally, in the absence of Sigismund, the attendance at the Council was not so great. On his resignation Gregory was appointed dean of the College of Cardinals and perpetual *legatus a latere*. The cause of reformation however hung fire. Gerson the chancellor of the University of Paris preached before the Council and was afterwards accused of heresy, but on 21 October he effectually defended himself.

The Council was anxious to win to its side the Spanish Church, which had hitherto adhered to Benedict, and on 29 December, largely through the influence of Sigismund, the princes and the clergy who had clung to Benedict agreed to come to Constance and assist in the effort to reform the Church and procure peace.

The emperor Sigismund in the spring of 1416 moved north, and on 7 May arrived in London. He was anxious to produce peace between England and France and on 15 August Sigismund entered into an alliance with Henry V of England.

On 29 December the festival of St. Thomas of Canterbury was observed at Constance with great solemnity and the Council prepared to welcome once more the Emperor, who arrived at Constance on January 27, 1417. During this year great efforts were made to begin work on the means for reforming the Church and a commission was appointed to report on those measures necessary for the object. The work, however, was delayed through the hostility of the English and French representatives, the right of the English delegates to form a nation being disputed by the Spanish delegates and opposed by the French, and in September the English and the German bishops were accused of heresy because they desired to work for reformation before they had proceeded to elect a pope.

On 4 September, 1417, the English representatives suffered

a great loss in the death at Constance of the bishop of Salisbury, who was solemnly buried there on 13 September.

Bishop Hallam had been as distinguished for his learning as for his zeal for reform and undoubtedly while he lived bishop Bubwith could only take a second place. Three days after his funeral, however, the English nation ranged itself on the side of the cardinals in favour of reformation, and we may conclude that they took this step under the guidance of the bishop of Bath and Wells. The Council had, however, prepared the way for the choice of a new pope in that it had already, on 28 November, 1416, cited pope Benedict XIII to appear before it, and this summons was received by Benedict at Peniscola on 22 January, 1417. Benedict, however, had no intention of appearing, and, proving contumacious to the summons, he was deposed 26 July, 1417.

The need for a pope, however, was felt by all, and, since the obstacles of the rival popes were now removed, the cardinals were prepared to give peace to the church by the election of a new successor to St. Peter. An election if it was to be recognised would have to be taken in hand with the consent of the Emperor and kings represented in the Council and to win the consent of Sigismund various details had to be accepted which made the process peculiar. There were probably twenty-three cardinals present and usually with them would rest the choice of the pope. But a pope so chosen would not be the pope of the majority, for the college of cardinals had sunk to one-third of its usual number. Sigismund therefore added to the cardinals, to assist them in their selection, certain deputies, chosen from each nation represented at the Council, and so it happened that the leader of the English party, bishop Bubwith, though only a bishop, took part in the election of the new pope. It is even said that he took a prominent part.

So on 11 November, 1417, St. Martin's Day, Otto de Colonna was chosen pope and took the title of Martin V.

The English and the German nations immediately afterwards pressed on him the need of reformation and in February 1418 Martin V entered into a Concordat with the German, English, and French nations that he would undertake the great task without delay. In April 1418 the pope named Pavia as the

place for the next Council and his departure on 15 May, 1418, brought the Council of Constance to an end.

As we followed bishop Bubwith to Constance we naturally desire to know what part he took in the deliberations of the Council. Certainly he was sincere in his desire for reform and his occasional prominence proves that his influence was felt not only among the English delegates but also in the Council itself.

He is said to have been a man of literary tastes and it was recorded that with bishop Hallam he induced Giovanni Bartholdi da Serravalle not only to make a Latin verse translation of Dante's Divina Comedia but also to add for the use of those who were ignorant of Italian history, a commentary to it. (Ughelli, *Italia Sacra*, ii, 786.)

The learning of the bishop of Salisbury seems however to have made him the more prominent. Bubwith was a man of affairs, trained in the subtilties of the State departments and we may be sure that he took his part in the quarrel with the French bishops and asserted as strongly as any the right of the English representatives to be reckoned in the Council as a nation distinct from France. It would seem as if he spent all the time in Constance for we have no note of his being in Somerset while the Council was sitting. During his absence Richard bishop of Innis Scattery, in Scattery Island in Kilrush parish, county Clare, acted as his suffragan and conferred Holy Orders on 22 December, 1414; twice during the next year; once in 1416; had very large ordinations in 1417 and finally on 21 May, 1418. Bishop Bubwith, whose last appearance in his diocese was at Banwell on November 22, 1414, appears again at Wells on 16 August, 1418, his personal Register begins on 13 August, and he held an ordination at Banwell on 4 September. He had been absent from his diocese for nearly four years.

It is clear that, while at Constance, Bubwith was not forgetful of the needs of his diocese or of the assistance which was necessary in order that he might reform that which was amiss in it. Two months after Martin V had become pope, bishop Bubwith obtained from him an important faculty to make statutes and ordinances for the reform of churches, hospitals, chantries and other ecclesiastical benefices and offices of his cities and dioceses of Bath and Wells (the papal secretary clearly thought

there were two) especially with a view to restoring them to the purpose of their foundation and endowment, 21 Jan., 1410. (*C.P.L.*, vol. vii, p. 41.) There were two difficulties in his cathedral church which had troubled his predecessors as well as himself, the provostship of the great estate of Combe from which so many canons derived their income and the jurisdiction of the bishop in spiritual matters in the city of Wells itself. The provostship, which had been founded by bishop Jocelyn, had proved a source of trouble to bishop Ralph de Salopia (*cf. S.R.S.*, vol. 9, p. lix). Bishop Bubwith obtained a faculty from the pope that on the death or resignation of the present holder of the provostship he could separate the provostship from the annexed canonry and apply at his discretion the rest of the endowment to the benefit of the church and the betterment of the canons (*Ibid.*, p. 45, same date and place). The question of the bishop's jurisdiction in Wells had been a cause of trouble between his predecessors and the deans of Wells for forty years. Bishop John Harewell had been opposed by dean Stephen Pempel and in 1378 the cause had been submitted to arbitration. When however the arbitrators met, the dean refused to be present and the right of the bishop was naturally upheld.

Dean Walter Metford seems, notwithstanding this judgment, to have claimed authority in spirituals even though there had been two or three decisions of the papal curia given in favour of the bishop. Now the bishop desired to strengthen his position, on his return to Wells, with a confirmation of these judgments by the new pope and so he obtains from Martin V, while he was still at Constance, a ratification of this judgment which finally settled the controversy. (*Ibid.* p. 55, March 22, 1418.) At Geneva on 25 June, 1418, while the pope was on his way to Rome Bubwith obtained from Martin V a mandate which gave him power to summon all persons to exhibit to him grants and privileges issued to them during the schism either by rival popes or by the council of Constance and to send copies of these to Martin and, where necessary, to stay their execution until he had received the pope's pleasure. (*Ibid.*, p. 85.) It is clear therefore, from the above, that Bubwith had not been unmindful of his diocese during his long stay at Constance, and when he returned home he was armed with powers which

would enable him to reform the abuses he knew to exist. And Nicholas Bubwith was no longer the servant of the Crown. He had given up all offices of state and there are only three occasions when he seems to have been called upon to act, as in former years he had so often done, on the business of the Crown. In April 1421, he is placed on a commission to organise the musters of prince John, who was at Southampton, about to accompany the King to France. In February 1423, he is on the commission of the peace for the county of Somerset, and in April of that year he is named on a commission to obtain a loan of money for the needs of the King. (*C.P.R. Hen. V*, 1416-1422, pp. 319, 413 and 427.) In November 1423 he was placed on a commission de walliis et fossatis but it is clear he did not take any part in it. His health seems to have been precarious and he remained at Banwell nearly all that autumn. (*Ibid. Hen. V*, 1422-1429, p. 172.)

Since his return from Constance he was more and more in his diocese, and his visits to London were fewer and for much shorter times. He seems to have been setting his own house in order, and planning how best he could use the means he must have accumulated. When the bishops of Bath ceased to be abbots of Glastonbury, they received, among other manors and advowsons, the rectory of the church of Buckland (*cf. D. and C. Charters, Hist. MSS. Com.*, vol. i, 1907, pp. 167, 168, 311, 360, 405, 438), in the county of Dorset. This was confirmed to the See of Bath and Wells by Henry III in 1227, and by a bull of Alexander IV in 1258. It was acknowledged by abbot Robert of Petherton in 1266, and again by Edward I when bishop Robert Burnell surrendered to the Crown the patronage of the abbey which had been sanctioned by Honorius III and our king Henry III. This rectory bishop Bubwith now decided to grant to the Dean and Chapter as an endowment of their chantry priests to serve in the chantry which he had decided to erect on the north side of the nave of the cathedral church. The gift was made formally when bishop Bubwith was at his manor house in Wookey on 16 October, 1424, and the sanction of the Crown seems to have been obtained at the same time. (*Cf. Ibid*, pp. 460 and 466.)

At the same time he gave to the prior and monks of Bath 320 marks for the erection of houses to be built on their land, and vestments &c. to the value of £200, for the endowment of two chantry

priests who should say two daily masses at the altar of St. John the Baptist and St. George, which he had erected in the cathedral church at Bath. The celebrant before the confession was publicly to announce while the bishop lived "For bisshopp Nychol," and after his death "For bisshopp Nychol soule." (*Cf. Cal. D. and C. MSS.*, i, p. 467.) A year before this the dean and chapter of Wells had received a licence in mortmain to acquire from bishop Bubwith lands not held in chief to the value of 40 marks for pious uses (*C.P.R. H. VI*, 1422–1429, p. 168), and after his death we find the manor of Bickenoller, in the parish of Stogumber, conveyed to the dean and chapter 20 May, 1427 (*C.P.R. H. VI*, 1422–1429, p. 396), and land at Stogursey conveyed to the same 26 Sept., 1428 (*Cal. D. and C. MSS.*, i, 508).

In 1423 the bishop did not leave his diocese, and he spent all the time at Banwell and at Wookey. In 1424 he never seems to have left Wookey, and he died there 27 October, the vigil of the festival of SS. Simon and Jude, about five o'clock in the afternoon. His will was made on the 5th of October and signed and sealed on the 11th, and a copy of it is preserved in Archbishop Chicheley's Register (*cf.* vol. i, fol. 378*d*). He was buried in accordance with the instructions left in his will in the chapel which he had just erected in the nave and which was dedicated to St. Catherine, the Holy Saviour, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the *Harleian MSS.*, 272, fol. 47, is an account of his funeral feast. His executors were canons Thomas Shelford, John Reynolds, John Knight, John Storthwait, John Inyn, John Storton, John Codeford, and John Roland, and his overseers were Henry Beaufort, bishop of Winchester, and Sir Walter Hungerford. Within less than a year of his death the Crown granted to his executors payments out of customs and wardships up to 600 marks, in repayment of a loan bishop Bubwith had lent to the king, and a similar amount from the subsidies on wool. (*C.P.R. Hen. VI*, 1422–1429, pp. 294 and 298.)

His benefactions as settled by will were as follows :—

1. His vestments, altar clothes and ornaments to the cathedral church of Wells.
2. One thousand marks for masses to be said, one quarter in Oxford by priests unbeneficed or poorly beneficed, one

quarter by the Preaching Friars, the Carmelites, Minors, Augustines in London, Ilchester, Bridgwater and Bristol, one hundred for vestments and ornaments for Olney church in the county of Bucks, and the remainder in charity according to the discretion of his executors.

3. One thousand marks for the repair of the bad roads in Somerset.
4. One thousand marks (*a*) for the construction of a new library upon the eastern part of the cloister of the church in Wells, situate between the southern door of the church next the chamber of the Escheator and the gate that leads from the church by the cloister into the episcopal palace, and (*b*) for the construction of the bell tower or northern tower of the west end, to be finished as far as possible like the southern or Harewell's tower, but on condition that the Dean and Chapter contribute towards the cost the three hundred marks granted to them by the bishop out of fines of coming Residentiaries. The tower to be called Bubwith's Tower.
5. 250 marks, in addition to a sum of one hundred pounds which he had already given, for the completion of a certain tower to the west of the church of Bubwith in the county of York and for the heightening of the church and the insertion of several new windows.
6. £40 for the priory of Lodres in the county of Dorset for the good of his soul.
7. Twenty marks for the poor parishioners of Menethorp and Hemyngburgh and "especially among the parishioners of Menethorp where I was born."
8. Twenty marks for the poor parishioners of Bubwith "where I was brought up."

The rest of his goods over and above what he had already specified bishop Bubwith bequeathed to his executors to dispose of for the good of his soul as he had by word of mouth declared to canon Thomas Shelford. So we find the executors first of all making a gift of money to the abbot and monks of Muchelney and also various vestments and altar ornaments, and the abbot and monks on their part undertaking to say a daily mass at the altar

of All Saints in the abbey church for the bishop's soul and a weekly mass of requiem with the ringing of bells and an anniversary of the bishop's obit on the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude. (*Cf. Cal. Wells MSS.*, vol. i, p. 459, June 24, 1433.)

Then in 1454 came the erection and endowment, out of the residuary estate of the bishop, of the hospital in Beggar Street, Wells, for reduced burgesses of the city of Wells with an endowment for a chaplain not only to serve the poor men lodged in the hospital but also to say masses for the repose of the bishop's soul. (*Cf.* J. H. Parker's *Architectural Antiquities of the City of Wells*, p. 59.)

The chantry chapel which bishop Bubwith built in the nave of the cathedral church was endowed for the services of three chantry priests, and to these canon John Storthwaite added an endowment for a fourth.

In 1548 in the Survey Report of the Chantry Commissioners, in preparation for the abolition of them, we have the following account of bishop Bubwith's foundation :—

> Four chauntries ther, foundyde by Nicholas Bubwith, ar yerely worthe in redy money to be paide by the same Deane and Chapiture, as well of the issues frutes and proffects of the p'sonages of Newton and Buckland, appropriated to the same Deane and Chapiture, as also of the issues and revenues of their Manor of Bicknaller, *viz.* to ev' prest incu'bent in the same chauntries cvj*s.* viij*d.* by the yere. £xxi–vi–viij.
>
> Plate and Ornam'ts. None but a chalice xii oz. i gr. and half.
>
> Memor'd. John Paule, clerke of the age of xliiij yeres; William Burgs, clerke of the age of li yeres ; John Shepherd, clerke, of the age of l yeres, and John Newes, clerke, of the age of lv yeres, incu'bents ther.

Itinerary of Nicholas Bubwith, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

1408. April 1, Maidstone. April 5, the bishop's hospice, St. Clement Danes, London, and so all through the year. From No. 1277 we learn that 9 June, 1408, he was "in remote parts," *i.e.*, abroad on the king's business.

1409. Jan. 23, London, and to March 2. From March 22 to April 27, Evercreech. In May, June, and July to August 3, London. Dogmersfield, August 14–22. Banwell, Sept. 25–29. Keynsham, Oct. 3. Bath, Oct. 3–4. Oct. 4, Bruton. Oct. 5, Wookey. Nov. 21, London. Dec. 11, Wells. Dec. 15, Dogmersfield. Dec. 20, Banwell. He held Ordinations at Banwell, 21 Sept. and 21 December.

1410. Jan. 3, Banwell. 12, Chapter House, Wells. 13, Wookey. 28, London. February, March, April and May and June, London, with the exception of a visit to Dogmersfield, May 13. July 8, Palace, Wells. 10, Wookey. 29, Wells. Aug. 4, London. Sept. 25–Oct. 6, Dogmersfield. Oct. 20, London, and there till Dec. 9, when he went to Dogmersfield, and kept Xmas there.

1411. January and until February 20, Dogmersfield. Feb. 25, London, and there till March 10. March 11, Evercreech. April 22, Wookey. May 20, Wells, and here till July. July 14, London. Aug. 20, Evercreech. Sept. 1, Wookey. Sept. 11–25, London. Sept. 26, Dogmersfield. Nov. 6, London. Dec. 15, London. He held an Ordination at Wells, April 1.

1412. Jan. 8, Dogmersfield, and there on Jan. 14. Feb. 1 and 13, London. March 3, Dogmersfield, and then to Bath, and March 24, Evercreech. April 13, Wiveliscombe, and then to Bridgwater, and on 16th, Evercreech, and thence to Wells. April 14, Wells. April 21, Bristol. May 4, London. June, July and August apparently Dogmersfield. Sept. 6, Wookey, 13, Wells, 14, Evercreech, 18, Dogmersfield. Oct. 7, London. On Dec. 6 he is back at Dogmersfield and Dec. 18 at Wookey. He held an Ordination at Wells April 2 and December 17.

1413. Jan. 2. Banwell. Jan. 15, Wookey. Jan. 27, London, and then during February and March. April 18, Dogmersfield. May 22, London. June, Banwell, and there most of the months of July, August, and September. Oct. 3, Taunton. Oct. 12, Banwell. Nov., Wells. Nov. 11, Warminster. Nov. 21, Wells. Nov. 22,

Banwell. Nov. 25, London. He held Ordinations at Banwell, Sept. 23 and Dec. 23.

1414. Jan. 3, Banwell. March 26, Banwell. April 5, Wells, and here till May. May 11, Leicester. June 1, Burford. July 7, Banwell. August 31, Ilchester. Sept. 5, Bridgwater. Sept. 6, Banwell. Nov. 13, London. Nov. 19, Canterbury. He held an Ordination on March 3 at Banwell.

1415.
1416. } Constance.
1417.

1418. Aug. 13, London. Aug. 16, Wells. Sept. 10–Oct. 4, Wells. Oct. 30, Banwell, and at Banwell for the rest of the year. The bishop kept Xmas there. The bishop held an Ordination at Banwell on 24 Sept.

1419. Jan. 12–May 17, Banwell. May 31, Wells. June 10, Banwell. Aug. 19, Wells. Aug. 20, Banwell, and there till Oct. 3, Wells. Oct. 10, Dogmersfield. Oct. 17, London, where he stayed till Nov. 26. Nov. 30, Dogmersfield, and kept Xmas there. The bishop held an Ordination at Banwell on June 10.

1420. All through January, February, and March the bishop was at Dogmersfield. April 2, Wookey. April 9, Wells. April 21, Bath. April 26, Dogmersfield. May 11, Wells. May 24, Dogmersfield. June 2, Dogmersfield. June 13–26, London. July 7, Dogmersfield, where he stayed till Oct. 9. October 20, London. November 6, Dogmersfield. Dec. 1, London. Dec. 18, London. The bishop held an Ordination at Wells, April 6.

1421. January 17, Dogmersfield. Jan. 24, London, and there on March 1. March 4, Dogmersfield. March 15, Wookey, April 1, Banwell, and there on April 14. May 1, London, and there till June 6. June 8, Dogmersfield, and apparently there through July, August, and Sept. 5. Sept. 16, Banwell. Oct. 19, Wookey. Nov. 1, London, and Nov. 29, Dec. 7, Dec. 17, London.

The bishop held an Ordination at Wookey, March 22, and at Banwell, Sept. 20.

1422. Jan. 1, Wookey, and here till Jan. 24. Jan. 28, Ambresbury. Feb. 2, Dogmersfield. Feb. 12, London. Feb. 19, Dogmersfield, and all through March and April to May 1. May 19, Banwell, and all through June and July and to August 24. Aug. 27, Wookey, and Sept. 1 and 2. Sept. 15, Banwell, to the end of the year. He kept Xmas here.

The bishop does not appear to have administered Holy Orders himself this year. The bishop of Innis Scattery held Ordinations for him in St. Cuthbert's Church, Wells, 7 March, 19 September, and 19 December.

1423. The bishop remained at Banwell from January 1 to August 26. Aug. 28, Wookey, and he remained at Wookey for the rest of the year.

The bishop of Innis Scattery held Ordinations for bishop Bubwith in the chapel of St. Mary by the Cloister, Wells, Feb. 27 and Sept. 18 and December 18.

1424. The bishop remained at Wookey all the year and died here 27 October, "circiter horam secundam post nonam."

The bishop of Innis Scattery held Ordinations in the chapel of St. Mary by the Cloister, Wells, on April 8 and June 17, but bishop Nicholas seems to have ordained to the priesthood Canon John Stafford, the future dean, bishop and archbishop, in the Cathedral Church of Wells on April 7.

Appointments to the Cathedral Chapter during the Episcopate of Bishop Nicholas Bubwith.

Dean.—Richard Courtenay, June 1410.
Thomas Carnyka, May 1413.
Walter Metford or Medford, Oct. 1413.
John Stafford, Sept. 1423.

Precentor.—John Hody *vice* Ralph Erghum deceased, 1410.

Archdeacon of Wells.—Thomas Bubwith *vice* John Ikelyngton deceased, 1419.

Chancellor.—Thomas Bubwith *vice* Richard Bruton deceased, 1417.
Thomas Schelford, 1419.
John Stevens, 1420.
William Felter, 1422.
Archdeacon of Taunton.—Thomas Polton.
Nicholas Calton.

Prebendaries.

Ashill—
John Roland *vice* Richard Bruton deceased, 1417.
John Osborn, 1419.
Barton—
John Stafford, 1413.
John Shelford, 1423.
Buckland Denham—
Thomas Bubwith *vice* Thomas Terry deceased, 1409.
John Roland, 1410.
John Knyght *vice* J. R., 1417.
Combe I.—
Reynold Bryte *vice* Hugh Hyckelyng, 1413.
Combe III.—
John Roland *vice* Thomas Wybbe deceased, 1410.
Walter Shiryngton *vice* John Roland, 1410.
Thomas Pellican *vice* W. S., 1417.
Combe IV.—
John Wells *vice* Thomas Cosin deceased, 1413.
Thomas Stevens *vice* J. W., 1417.
John Reynold, 1418.
John Swift *vice* J. R., 1420.
Combe V.—
Thomas Frome *vice* John Hody, 1418.
Combe VI.—
William Jakes *vice* John Kyngman, 1412.
Henry Penwortham *vice* W. J., 1422.
Combe VIII.—
Robert Appulton *vice* John Fraunceys deceased, 1413.

Combe IX.—
John Storthwayt, 1417.
Nicholas Burton *vice* J. S., 1420.
Combe XI.—
John Knyght *vice* John Bennett, 1410.
John Osborn *vice* J. K., 1418.
Henry Abyndon, 1419.
Combe XIII.—
Eudo le Zouch *vice* Benedict atte Chirche 1411.
John Shirford, 1414.
Compton Episcopi—
Thomas Polton *vice* Nicholas Calton, 1415.
John Hody *vice* T. P., 1417.
Cudworth—
Humphrey Radeley *vice* Henry Harborough, 1417.
Curry—
John Stone *vice* William Calf deceased, 1419.
Dulcote—
Thomas Shelford *vice* Robert Rigge deceased, 1410.
John Roland, 1419.
Easton in Gordano—
William Skelton *vice* Walter Dolbear deceased, 1426.
John Storthwayt *vice* W. S., 1420.
Harptree—
William Spaldington *vice* Ralph Canon deceased, 1422.
Henstridge—
John Notyngham *vice* Wm. Skirwith, 1408.
John Stokes *vice* Richard Kyngeston deceased, 1418.
Ilton—
John Reynold *vice* Thomas Stevens deceased, 1420.
Milverton I and the Archdeaconry of Taunton—
Nicholas Calton *vice* Thomas Polton, 1415.
Milverton II—
John Tyssebury *vice* John Grene deceased, 1410.
Stephen Morpeth *vice* J. T. deceased, 1413.
Schaldford—
Wm. Glym *vice* Henry Merston, 1411.
Richard Clifford, 1414.
John Arundel *vice* Robert Braunch, 1419.

St. Decumans—
Thomas Bubbewith *vice* Ralph Erghum deceased, 1410.
Thomas Shelford, 1419.
Taunton—
Henry Gardiner *vice* Richard Palmer, 1411.
William Lyndwood *vice* H. G. deceased, 1419.
Wanstrow—
John Frank, 1410.
Thomas Lane *vice* J. F., 1422.
Warminster—
Thomas Shelford *vice* W. Wyncaulton deceased, 1410.
Wedmore II—
Henry Mory, 1410.
John Elys *vice* H. M., 1423.
William Felter, 1423.
Wedmore III—
John Cole *vice* Alexander Hody, 1420.
Wedmore IV—
John Roland *vice* John Bonyngton deceased, 1410.
Henry Abyndon, 1410.
Alexander Hody *vice* Thomas Frome, 1418.
Nicholas Steur, 1419.
John Dependen, 1422.
William Brett, 1423.
Wedmore V—
Henry Abendon or Abyndon, 1410.
Whitchurch—
William Spaldington *vice* Richard Courtenay, 1410.
John Stokes *vice* W. S., 1410.
Robert Keten, 1410.
Whitelackington—
Simon Gaunstede *vice* Richard Drayton deceased, 1415.
William Felter *vice* S. G., 1423.
Wormester—
Richard Gabriel, 1410.
John Morehay *vice* R. G., 1410.
John Dyppull *vice* J. M., 1411.

Officials of the Bishop—

Canon Thomas Barton, Commissary General, 1408.
„ J. Tyssebury, Commissary General, 1410.
„ J. Storthwayt, Commissary General, 1420.
„ Richard Bruton, Vicar General, 1408.
„ John Roland, Vicar General, 1414.
„ Ric. Bruton, Official Principal, 1408.
„ John Stevens, Official Principal, 1418.
„ J. Storthwayt, Official Principal, 1422.
„ J. Storthwayt, President of the Bishop's Consistory Court in the absence of Official Principal, 1414.
„ John Stevens, Commissary, 1420.

Richard Thomas, Registrar of the Consistory Court, 1422.

The Deans of Wells.

The Register of Bishop Bubwith gives us interesting evidence of the process in which the deans of Wells ceased to be the real head of the great chapter of secular canons of Wells, and were becoming more and more, if not great officers of state, at least largely engaged in the king's service, and therefore seldom, if ever, present in Wells. During this episcopate there were five deans of the Cathedral Church, Thomas Stanley, Richard Courtenay, Thomas Karneka or Carnyka, Walter Medford or Metford, and John Stafford.

Thomas Stanley.

Thomas de Stanley, a king's clerk, became dean of Wells in the autumn of 1402. He had obtained his promotion by papal provision, and on 4 March, 1403, obtained pardon from the king and confirmation of his benefice of which he was already in possession. (*Cal. Pat. R. Hen. IV*, 1401–5, p. 209.) He was Treasurer of Calais 24 April, 1405 (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1405–8, p. 17), and on 2 May, 1406, obtained the deanery of St. Martin le Grand (*C.P.R., Ibid.*, p. 132), and on 24 July, 1406, the deanery of Wolverhampton (*C.P.R., Ibid.*, p. 206), the house attached to which he left in a very neglected state (*C.P.R.*, 1408–13, 24 April, 1410, p. 223). He was certainly absent from Wells in October, 1405 (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1405–8, p. 177), and on 10 Feb., 1407

(1200), and in August, 1408, obtained from Gregory XII a papal indult to be absent for seven years, and to let his benefices to farm whilst studying letters at a University, or engaged in the service of the king. (*Cal. Papal Letters*, vol. vi, p. 140.) There are only two documents in Wells that record the presence of Thomas de Stanley in Wells, one in bishop Bowet's Register (*S.R.S.*, p. 69, No. 295), when on 4 July, 1407, he appears to have acted as dean, and to have instituted a chaplain to the chapel of St. Mary in the Cloister, and an earlier document among the Chapter MSS. (*cf. Wells D. and C. MSS.*, p. 446), when, on 6 Sept., 1406, he, with the chapter, is recorded as granting licence to canon Wyncaulton to erect an altar on the north side of the high belfry.

Richard Courtenay.

Stanley died in March, 1410, and at the end of this register is an interesting account (No. 1265), given at some length, of the election of his successor Richard Courtenay. Bishop Bubwith was in London, and on 3 April, 1410, the president and chapter petitioned for permission to proceed to the election of a successor, and on 12 April bishop Bubwith formally sanctioned this procedure. So the president and chapter met in Wells on 12 May, and appointed the following 26 May as the day for the election, and notices went out for the purpose to all the canons. On the day appointed canon Richard Harewell, the president, assembled, and with him canon J. Hody, the precentor, R. Bruton, the chancellor, W. Langebroke, the treasurer, Roger Harewell, archdeacon of Bath, W. Calf, the succentor, and twelve other canons, and seventeen were represented by proxies. Of thirteen canons no news seems to have been received, and they took therefore no part in the procedure. The result of the business was the election of Richard Courtenay as dean, and the fact of this choice was publicly announced from the High Altar by Chancellor Bruton after the Te Deum had been solemnly sung. That afternoon the precentor and the chancellor were instructed to go and find Richard Courtenay and obtain from him his consent to his election. They found him in the new Vicars' Close, and he asked of them time for reflexion. The next day, 27 May, the delegates found Courtenay in the garden of the archdeacon of Wells and still apparently undecided whether to accept or not. They, however, pressed

him for an answer, and thereupon with great and gloomy deliberation he gave his consent.

The next step was the bishop's confirmation of this act of the chapter, and on 7 June, 1410, they found the bishop in the college called Queen's Hall, Oxford, and on 19 June, 1410, bishop Bubwith, from his Inn at London, issued his mandate to Richard Bruton the chancellor for the installation of the new dean. Richard Courtenay was the son and heir of Philip de Courtenay "chivaler" and on 18 Nov., 1406, was granted his father's inheritances in Devonshire, Dorset and Somerset (*C.P. Rolls*, 1405-1408, p. 279) and in the autumn of the next year was engaged in taking horses for the use of the King into Wales (*C.P.R.*, *Ibid.*, p. 359) and certainly on 22 Sept., 1407, was with Henry, prince of Wales, at the siege of Lampeter fighting against the Welsh rebels. (*C.P.R.*, *Ibid.*, p. 361.) He held at this time also the chancellorship of the University of Oxford. In the *Calendar of Papal Letters*, vol. vi, he is described as of royal descent, and in Nov. 1404, he is granted provision for a canonry at York and another (p. 59) at Lincoln. Already he held the archdeaconry of Northampton, the precentorship of Chichester, canonries at Exeter, London, Wells, York and Wilton, was a prebendary of Hayes and chaplain of Hayes. The same calendar explains his hesitation when elected dean of Wells. He had been provided with the expectation of the See of Norwich on the death of bishop Tottington and his appointment to Wells might create a difficulty. In May 1413 the vacancy occurred and Courtenay had to petition for a confirmation of the original provision. He pleaded that the chapter at Wells was ignorant of the pope's intention to send him to Norwich, and he also had accepted the deanery in ignorance of any difficulty such acceptance might create. However, that month the pope, in consistory, put aside the objections and Richard Courtenay ceased to be dean of Wells on his appointment to the bishopric of Norwich.

Among the chapter documents is one deed which bears his name. On 11 August, 1410, a month after his appointment as dean, he seems to have been present in Wells. (*Wells D. and C. MSS.*, vol. 1, p. 441). In the Register of bishop Bubwith there is not a single entry which suggests his personal attendance in the church or city of which he was dean.

Richard Courtenay was conscrated bishop of Norwich at Windsor on 17 Sept., 1413. His successor at Wells was Thomas Carnyka or Karneka vicar of Setryngton and King's Clerk. On 26 May, 1405, he obtains pardon for having obtained papal graces of expectation in York, Lincoln and Salisbury (*C.P.R.*, 1405-8, p. 26), and on 2 June, 1406, he obtains a canonry at Lincoln (*Ibid.*, p. 173). On 11 March, 1410, we find him acting as one of the King's justices (*Ibid.*, p. 226) and in the spring of 1413 was keeper of the great wardrobe (*C.P.R.* 1413-16, p. 14). In May 1413 (*C. Papal Lett.*, p. 433) he obtains the reservation to the deanery of Wells and a few days after, 28 May, 1413 (*C.P.R.*, 1413-16, p. 90), he received the royal pardon for his act. On 24 August, 1413 (*C.P.R.*, *Ibid.*, p. 116), he was appointed one of the commissioners for the rebuilding of the nave of Westminster and on 25 Sept., 1413 (No. 438), bishop Bubwith granted at Banwell licences to the chapter to elect a dean in the place of Thomas Carnyka, lately deceased. No document of the Dean and Chapter mentions his name and it is very probable that he never came to Wells.

Thomas Carnyka.

Walter Medford.

Walter Medford succeeded Thomas Carnyka as dean of Wells. His election must have taken place in September or October, 1413, but no record of it exists. He had no previous connection with Wells and for ten years he held the deanery without apparently ever residing. At the time of his election he was dean or provost of the collegiate church of Holyhead. (*C.P.R.* 29 May, 1413, p. 64.) In December 1417 he was appointed papal nuncio and collector-general in England (*C. Papal Lett.*, vol. vii, p. 1), and in March 1418 we find bishop Bubwith appealing to pope Martin at Constance (*C.P.R.*, vol. vii, p. 55) for a confirmation of those rights which had been ratified by Gregory XI to bishop Harewell as against dean Pempel which Harewell had claimed in spiritual causes in the church, the city and the suburb of Wells. Medford had certainly strong interest in the papal curia and the action of bishop Bubwith seems to suggest some claim set up by the dean which unfortunately is not recorded. (*Cf.* No. 931.) In August, 1422, Medford obtained from the pope dispensation to hold, as papal collector, two benefices without having to reside, together with power to exchange (*C.P.L.*, vol. vii, p. 212), and in October of the same year he obtained a grant

that, notwithstanding the oath which he took before and after his election as dean to reside continually and personally, or else to pay £100 a year for the repair of the fabric, as papal collector or in the service of the Bishop of Winchester or in his own service, he may absent himself as much as he desires for five years and is relieved of his oath. The grant was made in consideration of his services as papal collector. (*C.P.L.*, vol. vii, p. 230.) He is not mentioned in the Chapter Documents and there is nothing in Bishop Bubwith's Register to suggest his presence in Wells. On 28 July, 1423, bishop Bubwith granted licence for the chapter to proceed to another election in the place of Medford, who was now dead. (No. 1276.) On 9 Sept., 1423, in his chapel at Wookey the bishop confirmed the election of canon John Stafford as dean. There were certain objections put forward by Dr. Wm. Felter, chancellor of the church, and these were answered by canon Storthwayt, and the bishop issued his mandate for dean Stafford's installation. The question then arose whether this act of installation was to be performed by the president of the chapter or by those whom the bishop mentioned in his mandate. Bishop Bubwith, however, ignored the question and bade the canons install their new dean according to the customs of the church. His commissioners to install dean Stafford were canons T. Bubbewith, Shelford, Felter and Harewell. We now come to the personal history of John Stafford. He was the natural son of Humphrey Stafford, earl of Stafford and duke of Buckingham, or as the papal dispensation puts it, the son of an unmarried man and an unmarried woman, a fact which probably accounts for the action of Dr. Felter, the chancellor of Wells. He was a doctor of civil laws, a king's clerk, and on several occasions was on a commission of assize. In 1420 we find him mentioned as constable of one of the king's castles (*C.P.R.*, 1416–22, p. 266), but the name of the castle is not stated, and in the next year (May, 1421) he is described as clerk of the Privy Seal (*Ibid.*, p. 406), and the next year he is keeper of the Privy Seal (*C.P.R.*, 1422–1429, p. 443) and receives a grant from the Crown of a third portion of the portionary church of Crewkerne in the diocese of Bath and Wells. (*Ibid.*, p. 440.) This was not the beginning of his ecclesiastical benefices. In 1422, 18 Dec., he receives a grant from the Crown of the

John Stafford.

deanery of St. Martins le Grand (*Ibid.*, p. 15), and was made on the same day Treasurer of England (*C.P.R.*, 1422–1429, p. 80), and as such we find him taking part in the Trial of the Pix 6 July, 1423 (*Ibid.*, p. 117), and on 20 July, 1425 (*Ibid.*, p. 339). On Sept. 1, 1424, he received a grant from the Crown of a canonry of Lincoln. (*Ibid.*, p. 231.) He had already been for nearly a year Dean of Wells and in a Patent Roll (17 Feb., 1424, p. 226) which concerns the repair of the walls and fortifications of the city of Bristol the Crown lays down the condition that the work is to be superintended and sanctioned by the Dean of Wells.

When we turn to the Calendars of Papal Letters we find how burdened he was with ecclesiastical benefices. On March 9, 1423 (*C.P.L.*, vol. vii, p. 252), the fact of his illegitimate birth is dispensed with and he is confirmed in his possession of the archdeaconry of Salisbury, a canonry and the prebend of Barton in Wells, a canonry in South Mallyng and a portion in the collegiate church of St. Tecla, and in August of the same year he is described as holding a canonry at Chichester, another at Exeter, and the rectory of Clifton Campville (*C.P.L.*, vol. vii, p. 274), and in the same month a canonry in Salisbury (*Ibid.*, p. 14). His election to the deanery of Wells really seems to have been the free act of the canons. He probably was already the richest, as he was the most powerful member of the chapter, and there is no record of a grant by the Crown or provision by the pope to the office which Medford had vacated by death. On 24 Dec., 1424 (*C.P.R.*, 1422–1429, p. 265), the Crown notified to the pope Martin V the royal assent to the election of John Stafford dean of Wells to the See now vacant by the death of Nicholas Bubwith and in the papal curia steps were taken to put this right and John Stafford in December of that same year is provided with the See of Bath and Wells. (*C.P.L.*, vol. vii, p. 408.)

When we turn to the Register and mark the bishop's dealings with his Cathedral Church this absence of the dean is very remarkable. In the important notice 3 Aug., 1409, of the bishop's proposed visitation of the Cathedral body (No. 159), and of its postponement, mention is made of the president of the chapter and not the dean. On 20 Jan., 1410, the dean and the sub-dean are both described as absent (No. 22) and throughout this year it is

always the president and the chapter and not the dean and chapter, and 19 Dec., 1410, canon J. Tyssebury is confirmed in his place as president by the bishop, the chapter having elected him to that post (Nos. 64 and 274). On 28 July, 1414, there is a record addressed to the Dean or in his absence to the President (No. 494) which suggests that the Dean, Walter Medford, had been in Wells lately. Through the year 1415 no mention is made of a dean, and in the matter of the appeal to the diocese for the repair of the fabric of the Cathedral no mention is made of him at all (No. 569). So from year to year the same story is recorded as (No. 730) 23 Nov., 1417, the dean being absent and in April 1420 (No. 931) the dean and sub-dean are described as absent and (No. 1258) when Canon Reynolds was installed as sub-dean the absence of the dean is expressly recorded. It is clear therefore that the office was already becoming more or less a sinecure, an endowment for those who were engaged in the service of the king or the pope, residence was dispensed with or overlooked and the affairs of the cathedral church in the hands of those canons who kept the constitutions of the church in service and in residence.

Bishop Nicholas Bubwith and the Monastic Houses in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

For further information the reader is referred to my history of the Somerset Monasteries in *Somerset County History*, vol. ii of the *Victoria History of the Counties of England.*

Barlynch Priory.

The small priory of St. Nicholas in the parish of Brompton Regis was in the patronage of William de Say, and through his daughter passed into the hands of the Ferrer family. The foundation was confirmed by Henry III in 1256, and William de Say was stated to be the founder. A deed of bishop Reginald creating the prebend of Holcombe in the cathedral church of Wells was witnessed by Walter, prior of Berliz or Barlynch. The river Barle runs through the parish and gave its name to the site on which the priory was erected. Barlinch.

There is one reference in the register (No. 237) to the priory. It was a very small house of Austin Canons in a remote part of the diocese and bishop Bubwith in his Visitation in 1410 had perceived that there was need of reform. On Sept. 2 therefore he wrote to canon John Tyssebury his commissary to undertake a careful enquiry, and if necessary to remove the prior if it should be that he was the cause of the general decline. We unfortunately have no report of his visit or of what he found amiss.

The Priory of Minchin Barrow at Barrow Gurney.

Barrow Gurney.

This was a small house of Benedictine Nuns founded by a member of the Gurney family closely connected with the Fitzhardings of Berkeley. In 1283 the Berkeley family were patrons of the house. It must have been founded towards the end of the twelfth century or very early in the thirteenth, for in 1212 Hugh de Wells bishop of Lincoln left in his will ten marks for the nuns of Barrow. The priory seems during the fourteenth century to have been a refuge for ladies of good social position, and the bishops had often to send commissaries to enquire into and to allay internal strife. On Sept. 2, 1410, the bishop sent two canons of Wells as his commissaries (No. 236) to receive the resignation of lady Margerie Fitznichol who had been the prioress and to assign to her a suitable portion out of the revenues and chambers of the house for the remainder of her life. Whether this satisfied the lady or not appears in No. 336, for bishop Bubwith in 1412 wrote from Keynsham to the lady enjoining on her obedience to the rules of the house. In her petulance she seems day and night to have set the discipline and the authority of the priory at defiance.

The Cathedral Priory of Bath.

Bath.

It is impossible to go into the early history of this ancient church foundation. In the seventh century it was a house of nuns. Then, in the time of Cynewulf in the eighth century, it became a monastery for men, and in later years it was a royal foundation, on to which was grafted somewhat obscurely the Benedictine monastic system. In 1088, William II conferred the abbey of Bath on John de Villula, bishop of Wells, and soon

after the bishop purchased from the Crown the city of Bath, and not only came to reside there but changed the title of the See from that of Wells to that of Bath. The story, however interesting it may be, does not concern us now. In the XVth Century it was a cathedral priory sharing with the dean and chapter of Wells certain duties and privileges in regard to the interests of the diocese. The bishop was the titular abbot, and had rights in the abbey as he had rights in the church in Wells, and the prior and his convent were much in the same relation to the bishop as were the dean and the chapter of canons in Wells.

Our first notice of Bath in the register (No. 386) is a letter from the bishop, written from his manor house at Banwell 10 Jan., 1413, to the prior of Bath, granting him leave to receive as a monk of the house, and take his profession, John Appulby, a novice. The number of fully professed monks at this time was small, they were as the fellows of a college at Oxford as compared with the number who lived in the buildings and were attached to the foundation. The same commission of authority was sent on 12 September of the same year to prior John Telesford (No. 434) to receive the vows and admit as a monk of the house, Henry Bradeley, and at the same time he collates, to the office of the precentorship of the cathedral church at Bath, William Southbrook a monk of acknowledged fitness, and (No. 436) to the office of sacrist, another monk, John Halle.

In March of the following year, 1414 (No. 483), he granted to the same prior the permission to admit and receive their vows, William Shirborn and Robert Chiew, both novices of the house. In the later portion of his register which concerns ecclesiastical judgments and the election of heads of monastic houses, there is an important judgment (No. 1261) dated from Wookey 6 Sept., 1423, concerning the ringing of bells in Bath. The monks were annoyed at the way the bells of the city churches were being rung, and the bishop laid down that after midnight there was to be no ringing of a bell or bells in these city churches before 6 o'clock in the morning or before the clock at St. Mary at Stalls had sounded its six strokes at that hour. After midnight there was to be only the ringing called "Knollynges" or "Tyllynges" at the morning mass at St. Mary's, except on certain saints' days, festivals or festal occasions. After six o'clock had sounded on

Sundays or certain festivals there might be six, seven, eight or nine strokes at matins and then after due course according to usual custom "peeles" and then no more till noon. From noon till two o'clock in the afternoon there was to be no ringing of bells. From two o'clock till seven in winter and two o'clock till eight in summer there might be simple "knollynges" or "tyllynges" but none after that hour.

The judgment is long and involved, and especial exception seems to have been made for the town clock in St. Mary at Stalls and the man who attends to it was to be sworn to his duties by the prior of the abbey. In consideration of these privileges the mayor and community of Bath were to offer at the time of high mass in the abbey church a wax candle of three pounds in weight. A fine of twenty pounds was to be paid for the benefit of the poor by any breaking this agreement. This arbitrament, however, was not to interfere with the liberty of the prior and chapter of the cathedral church or the brethren of the hospital of St. John.

In document No. 1267 we have the details of the licence to elect, the election and the confirmation of John Telesford as prior in succession to John Dunster. The licence was granted in London on 13 Feb., 1412, and the election took place at Bath March 10. Telesford was confirmed as prior by the bishop at Evercreech on March 14.

The Hospital of St. Katharine, Bedminster.

Bedminster St. Katharine's Hospital.

This hospital was founded by Robert de Berkeley in the first decade of the thirteenth century and was for a master or warden and several brethren who should tend the sick and needy traveller. On 16 April, 1414, bishop Bubwith was called upon to institute John Worthy to the wardenship on the presentation of Thomas Lord Berkeley. He appointed a commission under Canon John Storthwait to make enquiries and the commissioners reported that the Berkeley family were the patrons, that the last warden was Nicholas Barnastapill. The house was not monastic and the brethren wore the ordinary garment of a secular priest with the wheel of St. Katharine on the left breast. The wardenship could be held with another benefice and the

income of the house was £24 yearly. Enquiry concerning John Worthy showed that he was fifty years of age and of good conversation and sufficiently educated. On 21 April, 1414, the bishop instituted him as Warden (No. 488).

The Hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bridgwater.

Bridgwater Hospital of St. John the Baptist.

The founder of this hospital was said to be William Bruer or Briwere and the foundation was confirmed by bishop Joscelin in 1219 and also the gift to it of the church of Isle Brewers. It was for a master or prior and some brethren who should maintain thirteen infirm people besides pilgrims and travellers. On Feb. 16, 1423, canons William Felter and John Reynold acting as the bishop's commissaries confirmed the election of brother Thomas Pulton as master in place of John Pathull lately deceased (No. 1275).

Bruton.

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The priory of Austin Canons at Bruton was founded in 1142 by William de Mohun, earl of Somerset. During the episcopate of bishop Bubwith the priory had fallen on evil times through the evil life and mismanagement of the prior, John Schoyle, who had been elected prior in 1419. Our first document (No. 1186) gives us the prior's formal act of submission to bishop Bubwith, which he made at Wookey on 2 Sept., 1423. In No. 1190 we have also the sentence which the bishop passed upon the delinquent prior. He is relieved from all external duties, that he may attend to internal duties the better. He is especially enjoined to keep all the day and night offices and particularly on Sundays and festivals and three days a week he is himself to say Mass. He is himself to be present at the daily chapter meeting and arrange with the sub-prior all that has to be taken in hand and he is to admonish with fatherly care all who need censure. He is not to go out of the priory without being accompanied by trustworthy witnesses and he is not to go forth on the business of the house unless he has received the request and sanction of the major part of the priory. In eating and drinking and in hospitality he is to act in a manner fitting his office and the house. All due respect is to be paid him by his fellow

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canons, as formerly, so long as that obedience does not clash with the rights of those commissaries to whom the bishop had committed the temporal affairs of the priory. In No. 1273 we have the record of John Shoyll or Schoyle's appointment as prior 10 Dec., 1418. The consent of the patron Sir Hugh Lutterell, lord of Dunster, is dated at Hareflet in Normandy 20 May, 1419. All the documents were presented to the bishop at Banwell 13 July, 1419, and having received the prior's profession of obedience he confirmed the election and notified it to the Crown. The temporalities were, however, delivered to him 31 May, 1419. (*C.P.R. Hen. V*, 1416–1422, p. 237.) For the further story of this peccant prior, *cf.* my introduction to the Bruton Cartulary, *S.R.S.*, vol. vii, p. xxxiii.

The Priory of Burtle or Sprawlesmede.

Burtle or Burcle.

This was more of a hermitage than a convent and arose in the second half of the XIIIth century out of the lodging which a hermit was permitted to make for himself on the land belonging to Glastonbury Abbey held by Godfrey de Edington. In the Secretum Abbatis of abbot Walter de Monyngton (1341–1372) there is a series of six charters in reference to the foundation of this priory. The house was for Austin Canons and was under the Abbot and Convent of Glastonbury. On Dec. 30, 1409, the bishop at Banwell instituted Thomas Hornblowton chaplain to the priory of Burtle on the presentation of the Abbot and Convent of Glastonbury. (No. 183.) The relationship between the abbey and the priory was apparently so obscure that the bishop had to refer back to Bishop Ralph de Salopia's Register to satisfy himself as to the patronship. (*Cf. S.R.S.*, vol. 10, *Reg. R. de Salop.*, p. 780, No. 110. It is in that part of the register to be found at the end of Bishop Drokensford's Register.)

Again in 1420 the bishop at Dogmersfield admitted John Romney, priest, as prior on the death of T. Hornblowton on the presentation of the Abbot and Convent of Glastonbury. (No. 988.) Romney was admitted in the person of John Drawlans, priest, who acted as his proctor.

The Cistercian Monastery at Cleeve.

This, the only Cistercian house in Somerset, was founded by William de Roumara, third earl of Lincoln, about 1186. The charter is witnessed by bishop Reginald, 1174–1191, and the confirmation of it was witnessed by Hugh de Wells, bishop of Lincoln, 1186–1202. The earl gave the church of Cleeve as the endowment of a prebend in the cathedral church and his lands for the endowment of this monastery. On 28 Sept., 1418, the bishop commissioned the bishop of Inis Scattery his suffragan to receive on his behalf the profession of William Seylake and admit him as abbot of Cleeve. Cleeve.

Glastonbury.

The great Benedictine monastery of Glastonbury, the home of Christianity for this diocese, had to recognise the authority of the diocesan bishop on the appointment of a new abbot. The right to elect was now given by the Crown but the bishop alone could certify that the election had been conducted properly and that the claimant was the duly elected abbot. No. 1274 gives us some interesting information of the process of confirmation of Nicholas Frome as abbot in place of John Chinnock. As the confirmation took place at Dogmersfield licence had to be obtained for it from the bishop of Winchester. On 22 September, 1420, abbot Frome made his profession of obedience and knelt for the bishop's blessing and the archdeacon of Wells and the chancellor of the cathedral church stood by and noted that recognition by the abbot of episcopal authority which for the rest of his life he would zealously watch and probably resist. Glastonbury.

Hinton Charterhouse.

This Carthusian priory was founded in 1232 by Eda, countess of Salisbury, in fulfilment of the wish and intention of her late husband, William Longespée. The house was small and always poor. These Carthusians seem to have obtained certain privileges from pope Martin V, and bishop Bubwith, with the archbishop of Canterbury and the bishop of Lincoln, was commissioned to see that they were allowed to enjoy them. On 27 May, 1422, the Hinton Charterhouse.

bishop wrote (No. 1092) to the rural deans of Bath and Frome and to the clergy of those deaneries bidding them denounce all who should attempt to interfere with the monks in the exercise of their privileges.

The Hospital of St. John the Baptist, Redcliffe.

Redcliffe Hospital of St. John the Baptist.

This hospital is said to have been founded by one John Farcey, but all we know about its early history is that it existed in the early years of the thirteenth century when king John, granting a well of water to the church of St. Mary, Redcliffe, stipulated that the hospital should be allowed to draw its water from the same source. The parish church of Redcliffe in which this hospital lay was a prebend in the cathedral church of Salisbury and a parochial chapel in the county of Somerset and diocese of Bath and Wells. In the later years of the reign of Richard II it is clear that the hospital had become the refuge of several who were busy propagating Lollardism in the city of Bristol. In 1401, archbishop Arundel wrote to canon William Milton of Salisbury, who held the prebend of Redcliffe, and told him that there was evidence that the Lollards were active in Bristol, and asking him to send full information concerning St. John's Hospital. It is probable that some of the priest brothers or the nursing sisters were suspected to be Lollards. The prior at that time was John Seynt Paul. Whatever were his religious views, his mismanagement of the estates of the priory gave an opportunity for the Crown to interfere (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1399–1401, pp. 136 and 291), and in 1404 the affairs of the hospital were taken over by the Crown and committed to the care of the archbishop and the prior apparently (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1401–1405, p. 413) was deposed.

The election of a new prior naturally called for a survey of the possessions of the hospital and it is evident that news of the gross mismanagement of prior John Seyntpoul had come to the knowledge of the bishop. On 20 May, therefore, he appointed a commission of doctors John Ovyngham, Robert Keton and John Stokes to survey the hospital and examine into all its affairs and gave them full authority to summon the brethren and insist upon answers to their queries (No. 223). This commission of enquiry

was followed on 2 September by a commission of visitation. He had intended to visit the priory himself but the king's business called him away and now he appoints four canons of Wells, John Hody, Richard Bruton, Richard Drayton, and John Tyssebury, to visit the hospital as soon after St. Michael's Day as possible. The late prior or master John Seyntpoul was apparently contumacious, claiming still to be the prior of the house (No. 235). A year after in September, 1411, the goods of the house and all its estates are sequestrated and committed to lord Walter Rodney, Robert Fitzjames, rector of Backwell, Thomas Blount and John Barstable of Bristol, who were to husband the endowments and with the revenues put the hospital in a state of thorough repair (No. 302).

It is clear, however, that Seyntpoul did not at first submit, but the cutting off of all supplies, by this sequestration, brought him ultimately to submit and on 9 Sept., 1413, in the chapel of the manor house at Banwell Seyntpoul makes his formal submission, and the bishop then declares that he is removed from his priorship and that a suitable pension if possible is to be assigned to him. (No. 433.) Five years after, on 23 Sept., 1418, the bishop confirms certain papal indulgences which his commissary canon John Roland had procured for the hospital, the apostolic letters being presented to the bishop by a new prior John Shaftesbury. (No. 790.) Our last notice of the priory is on 28 July, 1424, when in the large hall of the manor house of Wookey the bishop receives the formal resignation of John Shaftesbury as prior of the hospital. (No. 1241.)

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The Priory of Taunton.

Taunton.

The house of Austin Canons at Taunton was probably founded by William Giffard, bishop of Winchester, about 1115, but in his foundation he seems to have included the priests and their house of pre-Norman times, *i.e.* the house and two priests that held land here at the time of the Domesday Survey. The chief authority for the history of its foundation is the king's escheator inquest 6 Jan., 1317. (*Inq. a.q.d.*, 10 *Ed. II*, No. 172.) On Sept. 16, 1413, bishop Bubwith in the chapel of his manor at Banwell confirmed the election of Thomas Ufculme by the

canons as prior of the house in place of Robert Newton deceased. (No. 1268.) Details of the process are given and the names of a good many of the canons. In this case licence to elect was obtained from the bishop of Winchester, the patron of the house, and the bishop of Bath and Wells could only confirm an act done with correct procedure.

Stavordale.

Stavordale.

A small priory of Austin Canons about three miles south-east of Bruton in a dale running up into the uplands of Selwood. There is no definite information as to its foundation, but it was certainly due to the piety of the Lovel family and was probably founded by Henry, lord Lovel, who died about 1199. The house was very poor and bishop Bowett granted permission for one of the canons to gather alms throughout the diocese on behalf of the house. On 29 March, 1409, bishop Bubwith ratified certain indulgences which had been granted to the house by the archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops. (No. 134.) These indulgences were probably connected with the priory's search for endowment and for those who should contribute benefactions for the canons.

In the register of appointments to the monasteries (No. 1272) there is a brief statement of the election of John Penne as prior of Stavordale which the bishop confirmed on Oct. 29, 1418, in his chapel at Banwell.

The Priory of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

Wells Priory of St. John the Baptist.

This house was founded by Hugh de Wells, archdeacon of Wells 1204–1209, and was for a master and several brethren who *signati* and living *sub signo* should tend and nurse sick and needy travellers. On 12 March, 1410, brother Richard Moxham, on behalf of his fellow priests, appealed for permission to elect a master in place of John Typpe lately deceased, and the letter of the house was carried to London by brother John Bartlott who found the bishop in his hostel there. Licence to elect was given 17 March, 1410. (No. 210.)

Worspring Priory.

The priory was a small house of Austin Canons under the rule of St. Victor, situated about four miles north of Weston-super-Mare. It was founded about 1210 by William de Courtenay, a grandson of Reginald FitzUrse of Williton, one of the murderers of St. Thomas of Canterbury. In No. 527 we have a letter from canon John Storthwayt, referring to a letter he had received from bishop Bubwith, dated in London 24 Oct., 1414, informing him that the priory had chosen in the place of their late prior, Thomas Banwell, a fellow canon Peter Loviare as their new prior. The deeds relating to the sanction and the election of Loviare had been presented to him by the sacrist William Banwell and acting on the bishop's instructions he had held an enquiry in the conventual church on 8 November and found that Peter Loviare was in every way suitable and had been elected in due and proper manner. The Commissary had therefore ordered the official of the archdeacon of Wells or failing him Nigel Hame the rector of Kingston Seymour in due order to install him. In the Register of monastic elections, No. 1270, we have a brief entry of the fact as stated above. Worspring.

The Lollards in Somerset, 1408-1424.

On 6 October, 1399, the Convocation of Canterbury was solemnly opened at St. Paul's by archbishop Arundel notwithstanding the fact that the bull for his translation back from St. Andrews to Canterbury had not as yet arrived in England. The session was urgent and the Convocation had therefore been summoned by the bishop of London acting with the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, the archbishop's see being then regarded as vacant. Henry IV was anxious that his position as King should be recognised by the English Church and for that purpose he sent the earls of Northumberland and Westmoreland, as envoys, to declare to the bishops and clergy in Convocation that he had not asked them for a grant of money, but only desired to request of them the help of their prayers as due to their lawful monarch. The Convocation was immediately afterwards adjourned to meet as soon after as possible for the

consideration of the reform of the Church. For greater privacy therefore this adjourned meeting was held in the Lady Chapel of St. Paul's. Among the gravamina sent up by the Lower House to the House of Bishops was a request that the bishops would seriously consider the efforts made by certain laymen, instructed by the Lollards, to rob the Church of her endowments, intending as was well known to propose in the coming Parliament laws, which would be detrimental to the liberties and privileges of the Church.

Archbishop Arundel had suffered too much at the hands of the Lollards, or of those who in the Court of King Richard II had been friendly to them, to be deaf to this appeal, and the strong churchmanship of Henry IV, together with his great need of the help, which the bishops and clergy could give him, created an opportunity, which the archbishop was not likely to neglect. The bull for his translation back to Canterbury is dated 19 Oct., 1399, and we may presume that it arrived in England before the winter of 1399–1400. During the next year we find archbishop Arundel very active in his movements against the Lollards. Two cases are recorded in his register, one from the diocese of London and the other from that of Lincoln, of conversions or recantations by Lollards of their erroneous views. Then followed, at some date in the year 1400, the petition of the clergy to the king against heresy, and Henry IV in his reply, said, he would sanction the arrest and detention of those clergy who were disobedient to their diocesan, and preached erroneous doctrines, and that the civil authorities should aid the bishops in this search and suppression of heresy. This was followed, in the early spring of 1401, by the Act of Parliament known as the De heretico comburendo which provided that obstinate heretics as such should be handed over to the civil authority and "eosdem coram populo in eminenti loco comburi facient." Convocation assembled 26 Jan., 1401, and was immediately occupied with the examination of William Sawtre's case and the writ for his burning was issued by Henry on 26 Feb., 1401. So far we have had no information concerning any Lollards in the diocese of Bath and Wells. Bristol, however, had certainly begun to cause anxiety and especially that part of it, the parishes of Redcliffe and Bedminster, within the county of Somerset and the diocese of Bath and Wells, the two parishes

which formed the prebend of Redcliffe and Bedminster in the cathedral church of Salisbury. In the summer of 1401 archbishop Arundel wrote to William Milton, the Salisbury canon who held this prebend, calling his attention to the fact that certain persons in Bristol were preaching doctrine to the damage of souls and contrary to divine law. (Wilkins, *Conc.*, iii, p. 265.) He forwarded to him at the same time a copy of the information he had received and desires him make enquiry and send to him an account of all that he can discover, and at the same time the archbishop asks him to give him full information concerning the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bristol, and with his reply a list of the names of all members who are suspected of being Lollards. The parish of Redcliffe is on the left bank of the river Avon and had been already connected by a bridge with Bristol, and, with its adjacent parish of Bedminster, had come to be regarded as Bristol without the walls. It is difficult to say why the enquiry which canon Milton was to make should include the affairs of the hospital of St. John the Baptist. This lay somewhat to the south west of St. Mary Redcliffe Church and was founded at the beginning of the XIIIth century. The brethren were probably in Priest's Orders and they, and the sisters attached to the hospital, had to attend to the sick and destitute travellers who found a refuge in it. Were these priests suspected of heresy? The hospital was so situated that Lollards could easily find refuge there, if the Warden in any way sympathised with them. It was outside the jurisdiction of the city and, as situate within the peculiar of the prebend attached to Salisbury, the bishop of Bath and Wells would have difficulties to contend with, if he desired suddenly to make enquiries. In 1398 there seems to have been some development of the original foundation, and to the hospital a fraternity had been added, and a licence granted by Richard II to enable them to acquire lands for their endowment. In January, 1400, John Seint Paul was the master of the hospital and the warden of the fraternity, and in May of this year the enlarged foundation was confirmed by Henry IV. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1399–1401, pp. 136, 291.) Four years afterwards, on 5 Aug., 1404, we find that, owing to its debts and depression, the Crown had taken over the house or hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bristol, into its custody,

and had made the archbishop and the bishop of Lincoln supervisors of administration, so that all rents beyond what was necessary for its yearly maintenance might go regularly for the payment of its debts. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1401–1405, p. 413.) The enquiry of the archbishop and the action of the Crown may be unconnected with Lollardism, but, on the other hand, if the hospital priests had become suspect, this was a way of restraining them, which they had brought on themselves by their extravagance.

Our earliest entry in the Register is repeated twice, at the end of Bishop Bowet's Register, No. 337, p. 75, and again, No. 94, p. 35, of the Bubwith Register. It is dated 2 Aug., 1408, and is a mandate from canon Bruton the bishop's Vicar General to the Rural Dean of Redcliffe and the clergy of the chapel of St. Thomas, Bristol, bidding them cite before them all those sons of iniquity suspected or guilty of teaching false doctrines. Who were these men teaching, openly or secretly, in the city of Bristol? Were they licensed to preach by the bishop? Were they graduates of any University? Or were they members of some mendicant order sent by their superiors on some mission? If, however, any unauthorized preachers were found they were to be summoned to appear before the vicar general. The church or chapel of St. Thomas was, like those of St. Mary Redcliffe and Bedminster, situated outside the city boundaries. It was originally like St. Mary Redcliffe, a chapelry of the church of Bedminster, and on the left bank of the Avon, but within that extension of the city into Somerset, which was made in the XIIIth century. Clearly the headquarters of Lollardism in Bristol was to be found in that suburb which lay within the diocese of Bath and Wells. This action of canon Bruton is evidently in obedience to the constitution of archbishop Arundel passed by Convocation, 14 Jan., 1408. (Wilkins, *Conc.* iii, 314.)

In April, 1409 (No. 143), John Colyford, vicar of North Petherton, had been under the observation of the Crown and bishop Bubwith in his reply stated that Colyford had been excommunicated by bishop Bowet and was still contumacious and excommunicate. He also expresses the hope that as the Church could do no more, the Crown would take in hand the man, whom the fear of God could not recall from evil.

Again in October, 1410, the bishop wrote to the king for the arrest of John o' Court of Weston Bamfeyld who was excommunicate (No. 253), and in November of the same year (No. 262) bishop Nicholas wrote again to the Crown for the arrest of Walter Saymer, of Wincanton, and Sibil Luydes of the same town, both of whom he had excommunicated.

Our next entry occurs four years afterwards, 2 April, 1412. There had been apparently a great deal of unlicensed preaching in the south of the diocese, and many churches had been placed, more or less, under an interdict, which the parishioners had brought on themselves by the fact that they had allowed these unlicensed preachers to minister to them, of whom one, John Bacon, late chaplain of Stoke sub Hamdon, is named and summoned to appear before the bishop. The churches of Crewkerne, Stoke sub Hamdon, Seavington St. Michael, Whitelackington, Ilminster, Shepton Beauchamp, Kingsbury, Langport, Huish Episcopi and Aller are all mentioned, and the interdict on them seems to have been withdrawn now that they have been warned and the bishop has secured the source of the trouble. John Bacon had not obeyed the citation and had apparently fled, and now, in all these churches, he is to be denounced, his public condemnation being regarded by the bishop as a sign proof of his condemnation by the clergy and parishioners of these churches. (No. 338.)

Work had been going on against the Lollards in the north of the diocese also, and a year later, in April, 1413 (No. 413), Richard Devenish, a weaver and parishioner of the Temple Church in Bristol, appeared before the bishop and sought pardon for all he had said against the priest of his parish church of the Holy Cross of the Temple, Bristol. The punishment enjoined on him was an open confession in the church of St. Mary Redcliffe, and in the church of the Holy Cross of the Temple, at the time of mass when he was publicly to implore the forgiveness of his vicar and to go, bare headed and with bare feet, before the procession, to the Temple Church, carrying a lighted candle, which he was afterwards to offer on the altar of that church. Having performed this penance he is to promise to avoid all Lollard conventicles and to foreswear their opinions and then he would be readmitted to communion.

Convocation was summoned for 20 Nov., 1413, and the mandate sent by the archbishop 14 Oct., 1413 (No. 451), expressly announces that the Church was called upon to deal with the spread of heresy and with the suppression of Lollardy. The archbishop had been engaged all through the summer of this year with the case of Sir John Oldcastle, lord Cobham, and having failed to get into touch with him or convince him of his wrong doctrine, had received the sanction of the Crown to proceed against him juxta canonicas sanctiones. Cobham was at Cowling Castle and was cited to appear before the archbishop at Leedes Castle on 11 September.

Since he did not obey the summons, the archbishop ordered his arrest, and on 23 Sept. he appeared in custody before the archbishop in the Chapter House of St. Paul's. For two days he was reasoned with, but proved contumacious and impenitent, and so sentence was passed on him and he was excommunicated by the bishop of London on 23 October. The story is told at length in this register (No. 455), and appears also in Wilkins' *Concilia*, iii, p. 353, from the register of the archbishop. The proceedings of the archbishop were endorsed by the Church, and became an act of the Convocation which sat in the succeeding month of November.

The next year, 1414, saw an extension of the Act of 1401, De heretico comburendo, and Parliament now not only sanctioned, but ordered, the civil authorities to assist the Ordinaries to extirpate Lollardism and to search out and extirpate teachers of false doctrine and to punish heresy. Lollardism had now passed from a religious error to a political crime. (Act, 2 Hen. V, 1414, cap. vii.)

Under this act also ordinaries were enjoined to make enquiries concerning the hospitals in their diocese, and the way in which the estates of these hospitals were being managed.

That the Crown was assisting the Church in the diocese is shown by the pardon on 15 Dec., 1414, of John Donne, of Frome Selwood, accused of being a Lollard. (*C.P.R. Hen. V*, 1413–16, p. 271.)

On 1 July, 1416, archbishop Chicheley, in his constitutions against heretics, passed in Convocation at that time, ordered that all bishops and archdeacons should enquire twice a year, in

each rural deanery, as to the presence of suspected Lollards, and when rumour declared their existence, three or more men, of good report, are to swear information, if they know of such or of the existence of conventicles or heretical books, and on 9 July the Bishop of London forwarded, as from Convocation, the mandate for this enquiry twice a year in every deanery for heretics or secret assemblies or the existence of people who were in the habit of receiving suspected people. (Wilkins, *Conc.*, iii, 378.)

On 18 June, 1417, a letter was addressed by the Crown to canon Roland, the vicar general, bishop Bubwith being then at Constance, asking for information concerning the ecclesiastical proceedings taken against certain people in Bristol that had been suspected of Lollardy. Apparently the civil commissioners had found themselves unable to proceed against them and had passed them on to the diocesan authorities of Bath and Wells. The accused were Christina More of Bristol, Jordan Corneset or Corveser, John Ruell or Russell, John Jordan, cobbler, John Colchester, barber, James Mustardmaker, Edmund Brown, Robert Wykeham, dyer, Robert Harryes, weaver. The fact that the ecclesiastical proceedings were undertaken by the Bath and Wells diocesan authorities show that the suspected were residents in the ancient parish of Bedminster, which included the parishes of St. Mary Redcliffe and St. Thomas. Canon Roland's reply is dated 4 Oct., 1417. (No. 716.) He reported that the enquiry had been made and the examination of the suspected Lollards in the year 1414 had been undertaken by canon John Wells, official principal, and canon John Storthwayt, commissary general. Edward Brown, James Mustardmaker, Robert Wykeham, Robert Harryes, John Ruell, John Jordan, cobbler, and John Colchester, barber, of Bristol, had been reported on as Lollards, and John Souter, apparently under the name of Jordan Corveser, of Bristol, had been summoned before the ecclesiastical authorities on the charge of being a common Lollard and a maintainer of Lollards. Corveser, Brown, Wykeham, Mustardmaker and Harryes had been committed to prison, but a royal letter addressed to the mayor and sheriff of Bristol had resulted in the release of the last four, leaving Corverser in custody on 29 June, 1414. On that day the church authorities had met at St. Thomas Church, Bristol, and Brown, Wykham, Mustardmaker and Harryes had

appeared and were then ordered to present themselves before the bishop in Banwell Church on 5 July next. On that day these four men appeared at Banwell before the bishop in the presence of canons Henry Abyndon, John Oram, John Wells, William Penbergh, John Schelford and John Reynold.

Edward Brown, having been sworn, was examined on the XIV Articles of the Creed, the X Commandments, the VII Sacraments, the VII Acts of Mercy, the VIII Cardinal Virtues, and he confessed that he felt and thought of them as a good Catholic would and did think. The bishop himself then questioned the other three, and they replied in a similar way. He then asked them all whether they were Lollards, and whether the report current in Bristol about them was true or not. They replied that they were not Lollards and that the report was a false one. The bishop then appointed 23 July, next in St. Thomas Church, as the day, and place, when they were to appear, and they were to bring with them twenty-four honest men who would support their claim for honesty and orthodoxy. The bishop also issued a notice which was to be publicly read in Redcliffe Church, the Temple Church, and St. Thomas Church, calling for all who had anything to say against these four men to appear and to say it. On the day appointed these men appeared with their twenty-four guarantors before canon John Welles, and purged themselves and abjured Lollardy and all heresy, and promised to give information to the authorities, if they knew of any who were of Lollard opinions.

John Ruell, John Jordan, cobbler, and John Colchester, barber, were released from prison by the mayor and sheriff of Bristol, and handed over to canon John Storthwayt on the Wednesday after the festival of the Purification, 1415. The vicar general received them in St. Thomas Church, and carefully examined all there. They declared themselves good Catholics, and said they had never done aught to harm Holy Church. So Canon Storthwait appointed the Monday after St. Matthew's festival, in St. Thomas Church, as, that, on which they were to appear and purge themselves. On that day therefore they appeared and cleared themselves of suspicion of heresy, and the vicar general thereupon declared them innocent of suspicion and to be regarded as good Catholics,

The reply of the diocesan authorities leaves out all mention of Christina More and Jordan Corneset or Corveser, and the latter drops out of notice altogether. On 28 Nov., 1417 (No. 745), the Crown again sent down to Wells for information as to what had happened to Christina More, and the reply on 10 January, 1418, stated that she had appeared before canon Storthwait on 23 Oct., 1415, and had purged herself from all suspicion of heresy, and had been released as orthodox.

On 29 November, 1421 (No. 1057), the bishop reports to the Crown that John Taberer of Canyngton was excommunicate and had continued in that state for more than forty days, but there is no mention of his offence, and we cannot therefore say he had been suspected of Lollardism.

The Controversy between the Bishop and Nicholas Calton, Archdeacon of Taunton.

The story of Nicholas Calton is so characteristic of the Church of England at this period that it will be of use perhaps to give it in detail.

Our first notice of him is in April, 1364, when Robert de Wodehous, domsel, envoy of churchmen at arms of Lombardy, obtains from Urban V for his kinsman Nicholas de Calton provision for a canonry at Southwell. (*C.P. Lett.*, vol. i, p. 491.) In 1403 he is described as King's clerk and he obtains from the Crown the free chapel of Braysford, Yorkshire. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1401–5, p. 189.) On 6 June of the next year he obtains the church of St. Mary Wolchierchawe by les Stokkes, London, and soon after the church of Withern, Lincolnshire. (*Ibid.*, p. 306 and 451.) In April, 1405, he obtains from the Crown licence to obtain from the Pope provision of a prebend at Lincoln, but in 1406 we find he has already obtain prebends at Ripon and Southwell and so the licence from the Crown is cancelled (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1405–8, pp. 12 and 195) and he obtains pardon for receiving these other provisions. On 12 Dec., 1408, he is made parson of Horton in Lincolnshire and the same day he is confirmed as such by the Crown. (*C.P.R. Hen. IV*, 1408–13, pp. 2 and 23.) In 1413 he is given by the Crown the prebend of Netheravon in Salisbury and on 26 Jan., 1415, he is placed

on a commission to take the muster, of soldiers, archers and mariners going on the king's service to sea with Lord Talbot. (*C.P.R.*, 1413–1416, pp. 174 and 294.) In 1416 he is appointed by the Crown on a commission of enquiry concerning the discords which had arisen concerning the will of John, late Earl of Somerset, and in the same month on another commission concerning extortions and misprisions by the controllers of custom at Kingston on Hull (*C.P.R.*, 1416–22, pp. 78 and 79), and on 12 Nov., 1421, he is presented to the church of Powderham, dioc. Exeter, in exchange for the church of Great Hardres, diocese of Canterbury. (*Ibid.*, p. 398.) From the popes he seems to have received an equal amount of benefaction. In Sept., 1406, he is given the fruits of the church of Withern while residing on one of his other benefices or at a University, and in Feb., 1410, licence to hold another benefice and reside where he pleases. In July, 1413, he obtains dispensation to hold the churches of Brightswell and Horton for life and exchange when he so desires, and in May, 1414, he obtained the prebendary of Netheravon in Salisbury. (*Cal. P. Lett.*, vol. vi, pp. 92, 228, 450, 433.)

We meet with him in the Register in the year 1416 in reference to a contention between the Crown and the bishop of Winchester concerning the patronage of the church of Huntspill. (Nos. 589 and 596.) At some date about this time he seems to have obtained the prebend of Compton Bishop in the church of Wells, and we find him 1 Sept., 1416, exchanging this with Thomas Polton for the prebend of Milverton and the archdeaconry of Taunton. (No. 642.) The bishop was at Constance, and Canon John Roland was vicar general. Within a month of his appointment as archdeacon we find that the vicar general has been obliged to proceed against archdeacon Calton, as he claims to be, in the Court of Arches, Oct. 4, 1416. (No. 655.) Calton claimed as archdeacon the right to prove and settle all questions of wills and testamentary controversies, and in the deanery of Crewkerne he claimed to demand inspection of all titles of the beneficed clergy and demanded, that old men should appear before him, that he might decide, whether coadjutors should be appointed for them. Calton and his procurator Thomas Twyford, rector of Luccombe, and John

Waleys, were in open conflict with the bishop's representative. They were therefore inhibited and summoned to the Court of Arches and certain notaries are to serve the order of the Court on the archdeacon. A week after, 16 Oct., 1416, the vicar general, who had summoned the archdeacon and his officials to appear before him, solemnly pronounces them, because of their contumacy, as excommunicate, and the next day sends notice to all the clergy beneficed in the archdeaconry that they are not to obey Nicholas Calton who calls himself archdeacon. (Nos. 657 and 658.) The Chapter Communar Accounts for 1417–8 contain an item of 3*s.* 4*d.* spent at the installation of Thomas Stevens, archdeacon of Taunton. The opposition to Calton was certainly local and apparently ceased through the death of Stevens, in June, 1420.

Yet it is clear, that Calton established his position, for on 23 Nov., 1417 (No. 730), he is described as archdeacon of Taunton, and in Dec., 1419, he is collector of a tenth and a twentieth in the archdeaconry. (No. 912.) In 1423 bishop Bubwith is called upon by the Crown to produce before the barons of the Exchequer Nicholas Calton, late one of the clerks in the Exchequer, touching a claim on him by the Crown of £4 6*s.* 8*d.* (No. 1191.) The bishop's reply was that Nicholas Calton was out of the kingdom and so he could not cite him to appear. But the archdeacon did return and remained archdeacon of Taunton for twenty years, and died in the autumn of 1439. His will is dated 24 April, 1438, and Thomas Bubwith, archdeacon of Wells, was one of the executors. (*Wells D. and C. Charters*, 608, 609.) The Fabric Rolls for 1457 contain an entry of 3*s.* 2*d.* from the executors of the archdeacon's estate (*H.M.C. Wells*, vol. ii, p. 89), and he himself had made bequests for the chapel of St. Calixtus in the Cathedral Church for commemorations for his own soul, apparently to the extent of £120. (*Cf. Wells Charters*, No. 601.)

Bubwith episcopus

ab anno 1408

ad annum 1424.

REGISTER OF BISHOP NICHOLAS.

1410. Fol. 1. Registrum reverendi in Christo patris et domini, domini Nicholai Bubbewith Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi etcetera.

1. Sequitur certificacio . . . . nostre pacis . . . . . sequitur hunc tenorem. Data in manerio nostro de Woky duodecimo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo ccccmo nono et nostre translacionis anno secundo. Per presentem vero concessionem nostram [deb'] quem ad premissa eligun . . . . . libertati nostre . . . . . volumus quatenus de jure vel consuetudine . . . . . .

2. 1409–10. Jan. [13]. Woky. The bishop collated to Thomas Shelford, clerk, a canonry and the prebend of Wermynster *alias* Luxvile in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master Walter Wyncaulton.

3. The same day he collated to Sir John Roland, in the person of Thomas Shelford, clerk, his proctor a canonry and the prebend of Combe tercia in the same church, vacant by the death of Master Thomas Wybbe.

4. The same day he collated to Sir Henry Mory a canonry and the prebend of Wedmor secunda.

5. Jan. 20. Woky. He collated to [Henry] Abendon, professor of theology, a canonry and the prebend of Wedmor quinta.

6. The same day, mandates went out to the president and chapter, the dean and sub-dean being absent, to induct the said Thomas Shelford and the others named above.

7. Jan. . . . The bishop admitted Master Thomas Frome 1410.
to the parish church of Burnham, vacant by the death of John [Jene]; at the presentation of the dean of Wells.

8. Jan. 20. The bishop instituted Richard Batte vicar of the prebendal church of Compton Dunden, as vicar of the prebendal church of Eston in Gordano, at the presentation of Master Walter Dulbeare, canon and prebendary of Eston in Gordano in Wells church, and Thomas Turtok, vicar of the church of Eston in Gordano, as vicar of the first named church, on the presentation of Master Roger Harewell, canon and prebendary of Compton Dunden in the church of Wells; on an exchange of benefices made betwen them.

6. The same day, mandates went out to the president of the chapter and the chapter of the said church, the dean and sub-dean being absent, to induct the said Thomas Shelford, John Roland, [Henry Mory], and Henry Abendon to the respective prebends mentioned above; first receiving their canonical obedience.

7. Jan. . . Admission of Master Thomas Frome to the parish church of Burnham, void by the death of John [Jene]; at the presentation of the dean of the church of Wells.

8. Jan. 20. The bishop expedited an exchange of benefices between Thomas Turtok, vicar of the prebendal church of Eston in Gordano, and Richard Batte, vicar of the prebendal church of Compton Dunden, on the presentation of Walter Dulbeare, canon and prebendary of Eston in Gordano, in Wells church, and Master Roger Harewell, canon and prebendary of Compton Dunden in the same church, the respective patrons.

9. Jan. 28. London. The bishop admitted William Cervyngton, clerk, to the parish church of Whatlege, vacant by the death of Sir John . . . . . , at the presentation of Oliver Cervyngton, donzel.

10. Vicesimo octavo die mensis Januarii, emanavit commissio Fol. 1*d.*
directa Magistro Johanni Tyssebury, commissario in partibus generali, ad inquirendum de modo vacacionis cantarie de Whatelegh cum potestate admittendi dominum Willelmum

1410 Aylward ad cantariam predictam ad quam per Oliverum Cervyngton, domicellum, dicto episcopo extitit presentatus. Si tamen inquisicio hujusmodi faciat pro jure presentantis ac persone presentate ad eandem aliudque canonicum non obsistat etc. Apud London.

Vicesimo die mensis Februarii reportatum fuit certificatorium prefati Magistri per quod apparuit quod facta inquisicione hujusmodi que pro presentante et presentato predictis sufficienter apparuit idem Majister xv^mo^ die mensis Februarii prefatum dominum Willelmum Aylward ad dictam cantariam vigore commissionis hujusmodi admisit capellanum perpetuum xiiii^o^ die Februarii.

11. Feb. 17. London. A certificate of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, was received that, on that same day, in furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Henry Turpyn, rector of the parish church of Sylton, of his diocese, and John Hullard, rector of the parish church of Prysshton, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, he by authority of a commission directed to him in that behalf, had instituted the said Sir Henry Turpyn as rector of Prysshton, at the presentation of John, prior of Bath, and the convent or chapter of the same place. Subsequently the said Henry rendered canonical obedience and the archdeacon of Bath was commanded to induct him.

12. Feb. 20. London. The bishop granted licence for Sir Thomas Harlyng, rector of the parish church of Yevele, to absent himself from his benefice ; for one year only.

13. An indulgence for the hospital of St. Antoine.

Nicholas etc. dilectis in Christo filiis rectoribus vicariis capellanis aliisque curatis per nostras civitates et diocesim constitutis, salutem, graciam et benediccionem. Pietas a cunctis fidelibus est eo libencius amplectanda quo ipsius exercitacio in die messionis extreme extat precipue requirenda. Quanta igitur perpensa caritatis officia in hospitale sancti Antonii Viennensis diocesis cujus gloriosa meritis per universum orbem clarescunt circa pauperes egenos infirmos et imbecilles indies fieri dicuntur et impendi propensius intuentes et ob hoc sinceris optantes desideriis ipsius hospitalis indigenciis aliquo saltem spirituali

beneficio subvenire devocionem vestram rogamus et hortamur 1410.
attente quatinus cum veri procuratores seu nuncii hospitalis predicti ad vos seu loca vestra venerint Christi fidelium elemosinas petituri ipsos ad negocia et indigencias hospitalis ejusdem subdite vobis plebi, saltem semel in anno, diligencius exponenda favorabiliter admittatis et in hiis sibi cooperatores existere studeatis ut de bonis eidem plebi a Deo collatis grata erogent subsidia caritatis hujusmodi erogata devotius seu largita, in quibuscunque existant rebus, eisdem procuratoribus seu nunciis integraliter liberantes: et ut efficacius ista fiant vobis omnibus et singulis supradictis, cunctisque Christicolis per nostras civitates et diocesim constitutis et aliis quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgenciam ratam habuerint et acceptam, de peccatis suis vere penitentibus, confessis et contritis, qui hospitali succurrerint supradicto, xl dies de injunctis sibi penitenciis, Deo propicio, misericorditer relaxamus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus per unum annum a data presentium continue numerandum solummodo duraturis duximus apponendum. Data in hospicio nostro London, xxvj^to^ die mensis Februarii, anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ nono et nostre translacionis anno secundo.

14. Feb. 28. Institution of Sir Robert Louecok, priest, as vicar of the parish church of Swelle, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas More, at the presentation of John, prior, and the convent of Bruton, sworn to continual and personal residence according to the legatine constitutions.

15. Same day. The bishop granted to Master William Penbugyll, rector of the parish church of Clutton, licence to preach the Word of God anywhere in the diocese.

16. March 8. London. The bishop collated to Thomas Fol. 2.
Bubbewyth, clerk, a canonry and the prebend of St. Decumans in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master Ralph Ergum.

17. Same day and place. On receipt of a commission of Philip, bishop of Lincoln, for an exchange of benefices between Sir John Lokhawe, rector of the parish church of Toucestre of his diocese, and Master Richard Brynkele, rector of the parish

1410. church of Wroxhale, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, the bishop instituted Master Richard as rector of the first named church by the authority thus committed to him, and Sir John Lokhawe to the church of Wroxhale, at the presentation of Thomas Norton, esquire.

18. March 9. London. The bishop granted to William Comeland, acolyte, letters dimissory to all holy orders, provided that he receive them from a catholic bishop titled in England and there be no canonical impediment.

19. March 10. London. A certificate was received from Robert, bishop of Salisbury, that by force of a commission of bishop Nicholas to him dated on the 7th of the same month he had set forward the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Nicholas Sterre, rector of the parish church of Stanton St. Quintin, of his diocese, and John Tayllour, vicar of the parish church of Staunton Drew, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, and admitted the latter to the rectory of Stanton St. Quintin, because of the exchange aforesaid, and instituted Sir Nicholas as perpetual vicar of Staunton Drew, sworn to continual personal residence as above, at the presentation of Master Roger Harewell, archdeacon of Bath, to which archdeaconry the vicarage is annexed. And later when the said Sir Nicholas had rendered canonical obedience to bishop Nicholas, it was commanded to the archdeacon of Bath to induct him.

20. March 11. London. The bishop instituted Thomas Sneynton, clerk, in the person of John Sneynton, clerk, his proctor, as rector of the parish church of Sandefordbrit, vacant and pertaining to the presentation of Richard Courtenay, clerk, and lord of the Manor of Sandefordbrit.

21. March 17. A commission went out to Masters Richard Abynton, chancellor of the church of Wells, and John Tyssebury, commissary general, to grant by the bishop's authority to the brethren of the house or hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, licence to elect a prior or master in the manner and form hitherto accustomed.

SEQUITUR ANNUS DOMINI MILLESIMUS CCCC^mus DECIMUS ET TRANSLACIONIS REVERENDI PATRIS DOMINI N. DEI GRACIA BATHONIENSIS ET WELLENSIS EPISCOPI ANNUS TERCIUS. 1410

22. 1410. April 9. The bishop collated to Sir John Roland, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Bokelond Denham in the church of Wells; and, after receipt of his canonical obedience, it was commanded to the president and chapter, the deanery being vacant and the subdean absent, to induct him. Fol. 2d.

April 9. London. The bishop's mandate for his induction, ending;—Per presentem vero commissionem vobis, quem ad premissa eligimus ista vice, libertati scribendi cui volumus, quatenus de jure vel consuetudine competit, non intendimus derogare.

23. April 10. London. The bishop collated to Walter Shiryngton, clerk, a canonry and the prebend of Combe tercia in the church of Wells; and it was commanded to the president and chapter to induct him.

24. Reverendo etc Nicholao etc episcopo, vestri humiles et devoti filii, presidens et capitulum ecclesie vestre Wellensis cathedralis, debitum cum obediencia et reverenciis omnimodis famulatum. Cum ecclesia vestra Wellensis predicta per mortem bone memorie Thome Stanley ultimi decani ejusdem fuerit et sit decani desolata regimine, ne ecclesia vestra Wellensis predicta diu maneat decani solacio destituta dilectos in Christo confratres nostros Magistros Thomam Frome et Johannem Orum, canonicos dicte ecclesie vestre, presencium exhibitores, ad vos transmittimus ad petendam licenciam eligendi nobis decanum in ecclesia memorata, paternitati vestre reverende supplicantes humiliter et devote quatinus juxta liberalitatis vestre clemenciam et ecclesie predicte consuetudinem dictam licenciam eligendi nobis concedere dignemini favorabiliter et benigne. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras paternitati vestre mittimus patentes sigillo nostro consignatas. Data in domo nostro capitulari Wellie, tercio die mensis Aprilis 1410.

Nicholaus etc dilectis in Christo filiis capitulo ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis, salutem,[1] graciam et benediccionem.

1410. Porrectis nobis ex parte vestra literis humiliter supplicastis quod decanatu ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis per mortem venerabilis viri domini Thome Stanley, ultimi decani vestri, jam vacante vobis ad quos electio ipsius decani pertinere dinoscitur eligendi licenciam concedere dignaremur. Attendentes vero dicti decanatus diutinam vacacionem ipsi ecclesie nostre fore periculosam volentesque justis peticionibus vestris annuere, ut tenemur, vobis eligendi decanum licenciam concedimus per presentes. Data Londinii xij^mo^ die mensis Aprilis, 1410, et nostre translacionis anno tercio.

25. April 16. London. The bishop collated to Thomas Shelford a canonry and the prebend of Douldyngcote in the church of Wells.

26. April 17. He collated to Richard Gabriell a canonry and the prebend of Wermynster *alias* Luxvyle in the same; and it was commanded to the president and chapter to induct him.

The same day a commission went out to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to induct him into possession of the corps of the prebend, situated in the archdeaconry of Salisbury.

27. Commissio ad inquirendum de capella de Lytescary. Vicesimo octavo die mensis Aprilis anno domini supradicto apud Londonium emanavit commissio directa Magistro Johanni Tyssebury, commissario in partibus generali, ad inquirendum de vacacione libere capelle de Lytescary ac de jure Edmundi Lyte, armigeri, presentantis et domini Thome atte Lee, presbiteri, presentati ad eandem. Et si inquisicio hujusmodi faceret sufficienter pro presentante et presentato predictis, commissa fuit auctoritas eidem Magistro Johanni ad admittendum prefatum dominum Thomam ad capellam predictam et cetera in ea parte auctoritate ejusdem reverendi patris facienda ut moris est. Penultimo die mensis Maii anno domini supradicto reportatum fuit certificatorium prefati commissarii super execucione commissionis predicte per quod apparuit quod capta hujusmodi inquisicione que sufficienter faciebat pro presentante et presentato predictis prefatus commissarius, vigore commissionis hujusmodi, prefatum dominum Thomam atte Lee ad dictam capellam

admisit, xxviij^to^ die dicti mensis Maii, et rectorem instituit etc., 1410.
ac recepta ejus canonica obediencia mandavit eum fore inducendum per archidiaconum Wellensem seu ejus officialem ut in forma.

28. May 30. On receipt of a commission of Edmund, bishop Fol. 3.
of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Morehay, rector of the parish church of Ipplepenne of his diocese, and Richard Gabriell, canon and prebendary of Wermynstre *alias* Luxvyle in the church of Wells, bishop Nicholas instituted the latter as rector of Ipplepenne, and collated to the said Sir John the canonry and prebend aforesaid and a commission went out to the president and chapter to induct him. A commission afterwards went out to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to induct him into the corps of the prebend, situated in the diocese of Salisbury.

The commission to the said bishop of Salisbury. Dated at London, 10 May, 1410.

29. May 12. London. The bishop collated to Master John Hody, bachelor in laws, the precentorship in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master Ralph Ergum, and invested him in the same.

30. May 13. A commission went out to Master John Tyssebury, commissary general, to make inquisition touching the vacancy of the vicarage of Cherleton Caunvyle; as well as touching the right of the prior and convent of St. Mary's, Kenilleworth of the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, presenting, and of Sir John Prownce, presented, to the same; and to admit the latter if the inquisition make for this.

31. May 14. Dogmersfeld. The bishop granted to John Hobbes and Richard Mason of his diocese, subdeacons, letters dimissory to the order of the diaconate only; so that they be ordained by a catholic bishop titled within the realm of England and there be not any canonical obstacle.

May 15. Dogmersfeld. He granted to William Oke of his diocese, subdeacon, like letters.

32. May 30. London. The bishop having received a commission of Richard, bishop of Rochester, set forward an

1410. Fol. 3*d*. exchange of benefices between Sirs Walter Olney, vicar of the parish church of Horton of the said diocese, and John Grenelane, rector of the parish church of Writelyngton of his diocese, and by force of the commission instituted Sir John in the vicarage of Horton at the presentation of the master and brethren of Cobeham of the diocese of Rochester, according to the form of the legatine constitutions, reserving his induction and canonical obedience to the said bishop; and Sir Walter as rector of the church of Writelyngton, at the presentation of Sir John Wikeryng, archdeacon of Canterbury and prebendary of Writelyngton and Fordyngton in the cathedral church of Salisbury.

Fol. 3. 33. Also on June 29, at London, he collated to William Spaldyngton, clerk, a canonry and the prebend of Whytchurche in the church of Wells, vacant by the resignation of Master Richard Courtenay. Afterwards on receipt of his canonical obedience in the person of his proctor Thomas Shelford, clerk, it was commanded to the dean and chapter to induct him.

Fol. 3*d* *cont.* 34. June 5. The bishop, in furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Brunyng, vicar of the parish church of Chilterne Dummer, and William Launce, vicar of the parish church of Tweverton, instituted Sir Thomas as vicar of Tweverton, at the presentation of Christina, prioress, and the convent of Kyngton of the diocese of Salisbury, and Sir William in the person of Walter Daunton, his proctor, as vicar of Chilterne Dummere aforesaid, at the presentation of John, prior, and the convent of Bruton.

35. July 3. London. The bishop instituted Sir Stephen Oke, priest, as vicar of the parish church of Barton, vacant by the death of Thomas Ode, at the presentation of Sir Walter Medeford, canon and prebendary of the prebend of Barton aforesaid in the church of Wells.

36. July 8. There was exhibited to the bishop in his palace of Wells a presentation of Sir John Penneford, chaplain, to the vicarage of the parish church of Aysshebritell by Nicholas Hull and the bishop committed to Master John Tyssebury, his

commissary general, to make inquisition touching the vacancy of the said church and other articles required in this behalf; and to institute Sir John if there be no canonical obstacle and give mandate for his induction. 1410.

[*Note in the margin*] Institucio ejusdem ecclesie inseritur in cedula hiis annexa ad tale signum 83.

37. July 10. Woky manor. The bishop instituted Sir Robert Skoyte, chaplain, as vicar of Stokelond Gaunt, at the presentation of the master of the hospital of St. Mark, Bristol, of the diocese of Worcester.

38. August 4. London. On receipt of a commission of R. bishop of Rochester, bishop Nicholas set forward an exchange of benefices between Sirs Walter Olney, rector of the parish church of Writelyngton, of his diocese, and John Lynne, vicar of the parish church of Terston, of the diocese of Rochester, and instituted Sir Walter to the said vicarage, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Ledes of the order of St. Augustine, of the diocese of Canterbury, reserving his induction and canonical obedience to his bishop, and Sir John as rector of the church of Wrytelyngton, at the presentation of Sir John Wakeryng, archdeacon of Canterbury and prebendary of Writelyngton and Fordyngton in the cathedral church of Salisbury. Fol. 4.

39. Sept. 25. Dogmersfeld. The bishop presented Thomas Shelford, clerk, to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to the parish church of Bokelond, of the diocese of Salisbury, vacant by the resignation of John Shelford, clerk.

40. Sept. 27. Same place. The bishop granted an indulgence of forty days to all his parishioners conferring charitable assistance on William de Braunston, citizen of London, and Ellen, his wife, towards the ransom of Hugh de Braunston and Robert their sons, imprisoned at Hareflet, which amounts to 28 marks.

[*Note in the margin*] Mutatur indiccio.

41. Oct. 6. Same place. Fourth indiction. The bishop collated to Sir Henry Mory, priest, the parish church of Laverton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Michael Carvebon.

1410. 42. Oct. 7. Same place. A commission went out to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to set forward an exchange of benefices between Thomas Bubbewyth, rector of the parish church of Tarent Hyneton, of his diocese, and the above Sir Henry Mory.

43. Oct. 8. Same place. The bishop presented Thomas Bubbewyth, clerk, to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to the parish church of Aisshebury, of the diocese of Salisbury, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Shelford, clerk.

B. 44. Oct. 20. London. The bishop granted to Master John Storthwayt, rector of the parish church of Corymalet, licence of non-residence for two years attending schools.

A. Oct. 13. A commission went out ꝛc.

45. Oct. 26. Same place. On receipt of a certificate of Alexander, bishop of Norwich, upon a commission directed to
Fol. 4*d*. him on October 14 (*sic*) for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Supplet of Egynton, rector of the parish church of Alderton, of his diocese, and Thomas Frompton, rector of the parish church of Norton subtus Hamedon, that pursuant to such commission he had instituted Sir William to the church of Norton at the presentation of John de la Pole and Robert de Bolton, clerks, and Sir Thomas to the church of Alderton, Sir William took the oath of canonical obedience and the archdeacon of Wells was commanded to induct him.

46. Same day and place. The bishop wrote to the king's majesty for the taking of the body of John de Court of Weston Bampfeyle; at the instance of the archdeacon of Wells directing to him for this letters testimonial upon the excommunication of the said John.

47. Execucio mandati collectoris pape pro procuracionibus etc.

Vicesimo nono die mensis proximi supradicti. Recepto mandato domini Marcelli de Strozis domini pape collectoris in Anglia, dominus transmisit idem mandatum Magistro Ricardo Bruton, officiali consistorii sui Wellie, per ipsum juxta tenorem

ejusdem debite exequendum et ad xxij diem mensis Decembris 1410.
tunc proximo succedentis dicto domino certificandum.

48. Nov. 3. London. The bishop received a presentation by John Chidyok esquire of William Dogge, clerk, to the chapel of Kyngeston by Ievele and committed to Master John Tyssebury, canon of Wells, his commissary general, to make inquisition upon the right of the presenter and the other articles usual in that behalf; and if the inquisition finds for the presenter and the presentee to institute the latter as rector or warden in the chapel.

49. Nov. 9. Same place. The bishop instituted John Reynold, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Kynewardeston, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Saviour's, Bermondesey, of the diocese of Winchester.

50. Same day and place. The Bishop collated to Master John Stokes, licentiate in laws, a canonry and the prebend of Whitchurch in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the resignation of William Spaldyngton, and invested him in the same. At his command the said Master John then took the oath of canonical obedience to him, there being then present in the bishop's chamber Master John Shirford, bachelor in laws, and William Donne, notary public of the dioceses of Salisbury and Exeter, witnesses.

Then on the same day and at the same place the bishop, on receipt of a commission of Henry, bishop of Winchester, for an exchange of benefices between Master Robert Keten, Fol. 5.
licentiate in both laws, rector of the parish church of Coveham of the diocese of Winchester, and the above Master John, instituted the latter in the church of Coveham, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Certesey, and collated to Master Robert the aforesaid canonry and prebend.

51. Nov. 10. Same place. The bishop wrote to the king's majesty for the taking of the bodies of Walter Saymer and Sibyl Luydes, excommunicated.

52. Nov. 14. Same place. The bishop granted to William Cervyngton, rector of the parish church of Whatlegh, letters dimissory to all orders, minor as well as holy.

1410. 53. Nov. 15. Same place. The bishop granted during pleasure to John Roland, canon of Wells, licence to celebrate divine offices or have them celebrated in his presence, in a chapel or oratory within his manse in Wells.

54. Nov. 16. Same place. The bishop granted to Master John Gorewell, rector of the parish church of Norton by Taunton, to preach the Word of God anywhere in the diocese without prejudice to any other, in this form:—Nicholaus &c. Cum predicacioni Verbi Dei salubriter intendere opus existat meritorium obsequiumque Deo gratum quod ad Divini Nominis gloriam exaltacionem catholice fidei ac profectum tendit fidelium animarum; de tuis igitur prudencia animique virtute specialem in Domino fiduciam reportantes ad pascendum gregem nobis commissam pabulo Verbi Dei officiumque predicacionis libere exequendum congruis locis et temporibus ubicumque infra diocesim nostram predictam, absque juris alieni prejudicio, licenciam in Domino specialem concedimus per presentes donec eas ad nos duximus revocandas.

55. Commissio ad inquirendum super vacacione etc. ecclesie de Nony.

Nicholaus etc. dilectis in Christo filiis Magistris Ricardo Bruton, cancellario, et Johanni Tyssebury, canonico, ecclesie nostre Wellensis, salutem, etc. Presentavit nobis Thomas de Mountfort, domicellus, Magistrum Thomam Neusom, in legibus bacallarium, ad ecclesiam parochialem de Nony nostre diocesis, per mortem domini Willelmi Wodecourt ultimi rectoris ejusdem vacantem et ad suam presentacionem spectantem, ut asserit. Ad inquirendum igitur in pleno loci
Fol. 5*d*. capitulo per vos celebrando per rectores, vicarios et capellanos decanatus illius in quo dicta ecclesia consistit, vocatis ad hoc primitus omnibus et singulis interesse in hac parte se habere pretendentibus in genere, de et super vacacione dicte ecclesie, videlicet an vacet et si sic qualiter, quomodo et quando vacare incepit, necnon de jure presentantis et meritis persone, ut prefertur, presentate ad eandem, et quis sit verus patronus vel qui sunt veri patroni ejusdem hac vice, et ultimo presentavit seu presentarunt ad ecclesiam prelibatam, et an ex parte dicti presentantis seu presentati predicti seu eorum

alterius nomine intervenit simoniaca pravitas aut quevis paccio illicita in hac parte, necnon de vita, moribus, etate et natalibus dicti Magistri Thome Neusom, omnibusque aliis articulis in hac parte consuetis: et, si inquisicio predicta pro presentante et presentato in omnibus faciat in hac parte, ad admittendum eundem Magistrum Thomam ad ecclesiam prelibatam ipsumque rectorem cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis canonice instituendum in eadem, curam quoque animarum parochianorum ejusdem eidem committendam, obedienciamque canonicam ab eodem recipiendam et ipsum in corporalem possessionem ejusdem ecclesie cum suis juribus et pertinenciis predictis induci mandandum, omniaque alia et similia facienda, exercenda et expedienda que in hac parte necessaria fuerint seu opportuna; vobis conjunctim et divisim de quorum etc. committimus vices nostras cum cujuslibet etc, mandantes quatinus de toto processu etc certificetis etc. Data Londonii in hospicio nostro sub sigillo nostro xix° die mensis Novembris anno millesimo cccc^mo decimo et nostre translacionis anno tercio.

56. Nov. 17. Same place. A certificate of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, was returned showing that by force of a commission of bishop Nicholas to him for an exchange of benefices between Thomas Bubbewyth, clerk, rector of the parish church of Tarente Hyneton of his diocese, and Sir Henry Mory, rector of the parish church of Laverton of the diocese of Wells, he on 1 November, in his manor of Wodeford, instituted the said Thomas, in the person of Thomas Shelford, clerk, his proctor, as rector of Laverton. The bishop received his canonical obedience and commanded the archdeacon of Wells to induct him.

57. Nov. 18. Same place. The bishop collated to John Edwyn, clerk, the parish church of Laverton, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Bubbewyth; and instituted him as rector in the same.

58. Nov. 20. Same place. On receipt of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between John Edwyn, clerk, rector of the parish church of Laverton, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, and Sir Henry

1410. Fol. 6. Mory, rector of the chapel of Sudeley, of his diocese, bishop Nicholas instituted the said John as rector of the chapel of Sudeley, at the presentation of Alice Butiller, lady of Sudeley, and Henry, in the person of John Reynold, clerk, his proctor, as rector of Laverton.

59. Nono die mensis Decembris anno, indiccione et loco quibus supra, apud Dogmeresfeld, dominus recepit certificatorium de et super inquisicione vacacionis ecclesie de Nony ac aliorum articulorum consuetorum in commissione superius intitulata plenius specificatorum per quod evidenter apparuit quod dicta ecclesia de Nony vacavit adtunc per mortem domini Willelmi Wodecourt, ultimi rectoris ibidem, prout in ipso certificatorio plenius continetur. Et quia inquisitores in ipso certificatorio nominati certificabant sibi nullatenus constare an intervenit in hac parte aliqua simoniaca pravitas seu alia paccio illicita vel non, pro eo quod tam presentans quam presentatus hujusmodi fuerunt et sunt de partibus longinquis, seu an dictus presentatus fuit aut est liber et legitimus vel non; recepto per predictum reverendum patrem juramento corporali ad sancta Dei evangelia per dictum presentatum corporaliter tacta sub forma verborum subsequenti cujus tenor talis est;—Ego Thomas Neusom, clericus, ad ecclesiam parochialem de Nony per Thomam de Mountfort, verum ipsius ecclesie hac vice patronum, canonice presentatus, juro ad hec sancta Dei euangelia per me corporaliter tacta quod de quacumque simoniaca pravitate ac alia paccione illicita per me seu aliquem alium nomine meo seu per me, ut pretenditur, facta seu interveniente a tempore presentacionis predicte ac ante et citra semper et continue fui et adhuc sum expers penitus et immunis, nec de hujusmodi simoniaca pravitate seu quacumque paccione illicita umquam aliqualiter constabat nec constat ad presens: et si contigerit hujusmodi simoniacam pravitatem seu quamvis paccionem illicitam ex parte mea seu amicorum meorum in hac parte qualitercumque intervenisse ad meam noticiam quovismodo pervenire, quod extunc infra unius mensis spacium a tempore noticie mee hujusmodi continue numerandi dictam ecclesiam de Nony in sacras manus vestras seu alterius cujuscumque potestatem in hac parte sufficientem habentis pure, sponte et

absolute, resignabo et ipsam re et verbo dimittam, sic me Deus 1410.
adjuvet et hec sancta [evangelia]; exhibitaque tunc ibidem limitacione prefati Thome Neusom sufficienti in hac parte, dictus reverendus pater prefatum Thomam Neusom ad dictam ecclesiam parochialem de Nony admisit et ipsum rectorem cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis instituit canonice in eadem.

60. Tenor certificatorii super execucione mandati collectoris pape pro procuracionibus etc.

Venerabili in Christo domino, domino Marcello de Strozis, legum doctori, sedis apostolice nuncio in Anglia et collectori, Nicholaus etc, salutem cum reverenciis debitis et honore. Mandatum vestrum reverendum nuper recepimus in hec verba;— Reverendo in Christo patri et domino, domino Nicholao etc. Marcellus de Strozis, legum doctor, sedis apostolice nuncius in Anglia et collector, seipsum cum reverencia et honore debitis tanto patri. Vobis, reverende pater et domine, auctoritate apostolica qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore presencium committimus et in virtute sancte obediencie ac sub pena juramenti prestiti quibus dicte sedi apostolice tenemini, cum ea qua decet reverencia firmiter injungendo, mandamus quatinus contra Fol. 6d.
personas et beneficia subscripta ex causis inferius recitatis, monendo, citando, fructusque beneficiorum hujusmodi sequestrando, juxta vim, formam et effectum rubricellarum et capitulorum inferius contentorum, vice et auctoritate dicte sedis apostolice, canonice procedatis et exequamini, procedive et exequi faciatis, debito cum effectu: citari insuper peremptorie faciatis omnes et singulos beneficiorum seu locorum hujusmodi possessores, occupatores seu firmarios, personaliter si reperiantur, alioquin in beneficiis seu domiciliis eorumdem, quod compareant et quilibet eorum compareat coram nobis, in hospicio nostro in parochia Beate Marie super Montem, Londonii, situato, citra xxij diem mensis Decembris proximi futuro, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, quam in ipsorum singulares personas, si moniti comparere neclexerint intendimus fulminare, de pecuniis per ipsos nomine procuracionum nobis debitis plenarie satisfacturi, causasve rationabiles, si quas habeant, quare ad id minime teneantur coram nobis in forma juris ostensuri ulteriusque facturi et recepturi quod justicia suadebit. Et quid

1410. feceritis in premissis seu fieri feceritis nos citra diem predictum clare certificetis per litteras vestras patentes litterarum seriem ac execucionis vestre modum et formam plenius continentes sigillo vestro consignatas. Super quibus omnibus et singulis vestram conscienciam districcius in Domino oneramus. Data Londonii, sub sigillo nostro quo utimur in officio, xxiiij° die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo decimo. Abbas de Keynesham et abbas de Clyve debent procuracionem de pluribus annis a retro existentem; unde moneantur sub pena excommunicacionis citenturque et sequestrentur fructus eorumdem. Abbas de Muchelney, abbas de Athelney, prior et conventus Bathoniensis, prior de Bruton, prior Montis Acuti, prior de Taunton, prior de Dunster; isti debent procuracionem de anno domini millesimo cccc^mo viij°, ix°, et x°; unde moneantur, citenturque et sequestrentur fructus beneficiorum suorum. Decanus et capitulum Wellensis et abbas de Glastonia debent procuracionem de anno domini millesimo cccc^mo ix° et x°. Ideo moneantur, citenturque et fructus sui sequestrentur. Quod quidem mandatum vestrum reverendum, monendo, citando, sequestrando, singulaque expediendo, secundum vim, formam et effectum ejusdem ac rubricellarum et capitulorum supradictorum quatenus potuimus debite fecimus execucioni demandari. Data sub sigillo nostro apud Dogmersfeld xiij° die mensis Decembris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo decimo.

61. Dec. 14. The bishop granted to William Trebell, bachelor in laws, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, having the first tonsure, letters dimissory to receive from any catholic bishop of the realm of England the orders of the acolyteship and the subdiaconate only.

62. Same day. He granted to John Bernard, rector of the parish church of Claverton, a dispensation to attend schools for one year according to the chapter *Cum ex eo.*

63. Dec. 10. A commission went out to Master John Tyssebury, canon of Wells, and Nicholas Steor, official of the archdeacon of Wells, to proceed in the matter of an inquisition upon the repair of defects of the chancel and rectory of the

church of Kynewardeston, at the instance of John Reynold, 1410.
rector there.

64. Dec. 19. Emanavit commissio Magistro Johanni Tyssebury, canonico residenciario Wellensi, ad exercendum officium presidencie in domo et ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi ac personis de capitulo ejusdem, ad hoc per capitulum predictum eodem die nominato presidenti per dictum reverendum patrem specialiter deputato, prout in Registro de commissionibus ejusdem reverendi patris plenius continetur etc.

65. Jan. 14. 1410—11. Dogmersfeld. On receipt of a commission of Henry, bishop of Winchester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Brydport, rector of the parish church of Newton Seynlow, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, and Thomas Smyth, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Estmeone of his diocese, bishop Nicholas sent the same for execution to Masters Richard Bruton, chancellor, and John Fol. 7.
Tyssebury, canon of the church of Wells, because Sir John did not appear before him in person and he was not certainly informed touching his wishes, specially reserving to himself the certifying of the bishop of Winchester upon the premises; and the said chancellor, commissary in this behalf, after examination had, on 18 January, instituted Sir Thomas Smyth in the church of Newton Seynlowe, at the presentation of Margaret Courteney, and Sir John as vicar of the church of Estmeone pertaining to the collation of the bishop of Winchester, as appears by the chancellor's certificate, on receipt whereof bishop Nicholas on the same 18 January certified the bishop of Winchester of the execution of the premises.

66. Jan. 27. Same place. The bishop collated to Sir Thomas Benham, priest, the church of Laverton and instituted him rector therein. And when his canonical obedience had been received, a mandate was sent to Sir Thomas Madyngle, canon of Wells, for his induction, there being present Master Thomas Frome, canon of Wells, and John Shirford, the bishop's registrar.

1411. 67. Dispensacio pro rectore de Whatlegh juxta capitulum *Cum ex eo.*

Nicholaus etc, dilecto in Christo filio Willelmo Cervyngton, clerico in ordine subdiaconatus constituto, rectori ecclesie parochialis de Whatlegh, salutem etc. Fusis nobis pro parte tua precibus favorabiliter inclinati ut per unum annum integrum a die date presencium continue numerandum ab ecclesia tua predicta insistendo scolis ubicumque in Anglia studium viget generale te licite valeas absentare fructusque, redditus, et proventus, ac cetera emolumenta quecumque dicte ecclesie interim incumbencia, proveniencia et spectancia, libere percipere valeas et habere, dumtamen predicte ecclesie tue tam in divinis quam aliis curam ejusdem concernentibus facias medio tempore laudabiliter, prout convenit, deserviri, necnon cancellum ipsius ecclesie edificiaque et clausuras rectorie ejusdem facias competenter reparari, tecum tenore presencium juxta capitulum *Cum ex eo* dispensamus et licenciam in Domino concedimus
Fol. 7*d*. specialem. Proviso tamen quod procuratorem ydoneum ibidem dimittas qui onera tibi ac dicte ecclesie tue subeat incumbencia et ordinariis tuis debite respondeat vice tua quodque absencie tue dampnum in elemosinarum largicione pauperibus parochianis tuis erogandarum, super qua conscienciam tuam oneramus, dicto tempore fideliter recompenses. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Data apud Dogmersfeld xxij^{do} die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo et nostre translacionis anno tercio.

68. Feb. 25. London. The bishop granted to Thomas Sneynton, rector of the parish church of Sampfordbritt, subdeacon, letters dimissory to the orders of the diaconate and the priesthood.

69. Feb. 26. The bishop granted for one year forty days of indulgence to all his parishioners and others whose diocesans ratify this such indulgence who shall bestow alms of the goods bestowed on them by God on the hospital of St. Antoine of the diocese of Vienne; and commanded his letters to be made thereof couched in the usual form.

70. Ultimo die mensis Februarii supradicti, anno domini, 1411.
indiccione et pontificatu proximo superius specificatis. In quadam magna camera infra hospicium supradicti reverendi patris situata coram eodem reverendo patre inibi ad subscripta et occasione subscriptorum sedente personaliter comparens venerabilis vir Magister Johannes Morehay, canonicus Wellensis et prebendarius prebende, ut asseruit, de Warmynstre *alias* Luxvile in eadem, quandam pargameni cedulam in manibus suis publice tenens, quasdam protestacionem et resignacionem in dicta cedula plenius descriptas fecit et legit tunc ibidem, ac protestabatur et resignavit sponte, ut asseruit, tunc ibidem, prout in dicta cedula plenius continetur, cujus quidem cedule tenor sequitur et est talis;—In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Johannes Morehay, canonicus ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis et prebendarius prebende de Warmynstre *alias* Luxvile in eadem, protestor palam, publice et expresse in hiis scriptis coram vobis, venerabilis in Christo patre ac domino, domino Nicholao, Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo, ceterisque auctenticis personis hic presentibus quod, si contingat prebendam meam de Dunham in ecclesia collegiata Suthwellie, Eboracensis diocesis, a me aliqua via juris vel facti occasione defectus juris, tituli vel possessionis indebite cujuscumque, quacumque auctoritate vel potestate legitima evinci, quod absit, quomodolibet in futuro, quod extunc liceat mihi, procuratoribusve meis per me deputatis seu deputandis, ad prebendam meam de Warmynstre *alias* Luxvile predictam, quam racione assecucionis dicte prebende de Dunham mihi facte in vestras reverendas manus ac sacras, venerabilis pater, resigno ac realiter dimitto et non aliter nec alio modo, libere reverti et redire et ipsius possessionem jurium et pertinenciarum ejusdem absque impedimento seu difficultate aliqua apprehendere et apprehensam detinere et continuare, ac de ipsius fructibus, juribus, redditibus et proventibus, libere disponere, ordinare et providere, et quod ad prebendam de Warmynstre *alias* Luxvile predictam sic mihi et procuratoribus meis libera, quieta et pacifica redeundo et revertendi concessa facultas, resignacione in presenti negocio facta seu aliis in eodem habitis et expeditis, necnon collacionibus, provisionibus et disposicionibus aliis personis factis de eadem non obstantibus quibuscumque, juris beneficio in

1407. omnibus semper salvo; et peto ego Johannes Morehay predictus, reverende pater, quod hujusmodi proposicio et protestacio mea predicta redigatur in actis vestris propter dubium eventum et ad memoriam futurorum. Quam quidem resignacionem, sic, ut prefertur, sub protestacione predicta factam, prefatus reverendus, ad instanciam prefati resignantis, tunc ibidem admisit, presentibus Magistro Johanne Shirford, in legibus bacallario, et Johanne Mantell, clerico, Sarisburiensis et Exoniensis diocesium, testibus etc. me eciam Reynoldo presente ad hoc specialiter rogato.

Subsequently on the same day and at the same place the bishop collated the said canonry and prebend vacant by the above resignation to Sir John Dyppull, otherwise called Brymesgrave, priest, then being there in person, and invested him canonically in the same. The said John rendered the oath of canonical obedience to the bishop and of taking the like oath to his successors: and he obtained letters of installation to Master John Tyssebury, president of the chapter of the church of Wells deputed by the bishop, and the chapter and other letters to the bishop of Salisbury for induction into the corps of the prebend which is situated in his diocese.

Fol. 8. INCIPIT REGISTRUM VENERABILIS IN CHRISTO PATRIS ET DOMINI DOMINI NICHOLAI BUBBEWYTH, DEI GRACIA BATHONIENSIS ET WELLENSIS EPISCOPI, AD IPSAS ECCLESIAS AB ECCLESIA SARISBURIENSI ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCC^mo^ SEPTIMO, AUCTORITATE APOSTOLICA CANONICE TRANSLATÎ, DE DIVERSIS ADMISSIONIBUS, INSTITUCIONIBUS, COLLATIONIBUS, PERMUTACIONIBUS ALIISQUE LITERÎS ET EXECUCIONIBUS JURISDICCIONIS SUE ECCLESIASTICE PER IPSUM ET VICARIUM SUUM IN SPIRITUALIBUS GENERALEM, IPSO IN REMOTIS AGENTE, EJUSDEM REVERENDI PATRIS TEMPORE ORDINATE FACTIS ET EXPEDITIS.

71. Commissio custodie temporalium episcopatus Bathoniensis et Wellensis facta certis personis et sub certa forma, prout liquet ex tenore subscripto.

Secundo die mensis Decembris anno domini supradicto,

indiccione secunda, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et 1408.
domini nostri, domini Gregorii, divina providencia pape duodecimi, anno primo, apud Gloucestriam, excellentissimus in Christo princeps et dominus noster Henricus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie illustris, custodiam temporalium episcopatus Bathoniensis et Wellensis unacum feodis et advocacionibus dignitatum, personatuum, officiorum, necnon canonicatuum et prebendarum in eadem ecclesia Wellensi ac beneficiorum aliorum quorumcumque patronatus ipsius loci episcopi vacancium et vacaturorum, reverendis patribus Thome permissione divina Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, Henrico Wyntoniensi, et Thome Dunolmensi, episcopis, Ricardo Bruton et Thome Terry, ecclesie Wellensis canonicis, commisit suis literîs patentibus inde confectis quarum tenor inferius continetur et est talis prout sequitur immediate;—

The king's letters patent, dated at Gloucester, 2 December. [See *Calendar of the Patent Rolls*, 1405–1408, p. 383.]

72. Liberacio temporalium et spiritualium episcopatus Fol. 8*d*.
Bathoniensis et Wellensis facta N. episcopo supradicto.

Primo die mensis Aprilis, 1408, indiccione et pontificatu predictis, reverendus in Christo pater etc Nicholaus etc optinuit apud Maydeston in comitatu Cancie a reverendissimo in Christo patre et domino, domino Thoma, Dei gracia Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, tocius Anglie primate et apostolice sedis legato ac cancellario Anglie, liberacionem tam spiritualium quam temporalium prefati episcopatus, unacum literis regiis patentibus sibi inde confectis. [*C.P.R.*, p. 423.]

73. Deputacio vicarii in spiritualibus generalis unacum tenore commissionis.

Quinto die dicti mensis Aprilis, in hospicio habitacionis sue Londonii, idem episcopus deputavit venerabilem virum Magistrum Ricardum Bruton, ecclesie sue Wellensis cancellarii, vicarium suum in spiritualibus generalem, sub forma verborum subsequenti;—Nicholaus etc dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Ricardo Bruton, cancellario ecclesie nostre Wellensis, graciam etc. Quia nos a nostris civitatibus et diocesi aliquamdiu abesse quibusdam de causis arduis oportebit, de vestris igitur discrecione et

1408. circumspeccionis industria plenam in Domino fiduciam optinentes vos, nobis sic absentibus, vicarium nostrum in spiritualibus generalem preficimus et deputamus per presentes, vobisque ad recipiendum resignaciones quorumcumque beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum dictarum nostrarum civitatum et diocesis ex causis permutacionum seu alias simpliciter legitime faciendas ad quorumcumque donacionem seu presentacionem spectancium, personasque quascumque idoneas ad hujusmodi beneficia qualitercumque vacancia seu vacatura presentatas seu presentandas ad presenciam vestram pro earum expedicione confluentes, ex dicta causa vel alias simpliciter admittendum et canonice instituendum in eisdem canonicamque obedienciam et juramenta canonice obediencie a quibuscumque personis hujusmodi debita recipiendum et admittendum ac in corporalem possessionem hujusmodi
Fol. 9. beneficiorum induci faciendum, clericosque quoscumque in civitatibus et diocesi nostris predictis oriundos, seu ibidem beneficiatos, ordines tam minores quam sacros a quocumque episcopo catholico recepturos, dumtamen canonicum non obsistat, auctoritate nostra licenciandum et dimittendum, necnon cum personis ecclesiasticis in dicta nostra diocesi beneficiatis juxta formam capitali *Cum ex eo* per unum annum dumtaxat dispensandum, et excommunicatos, suspensos vel interdictos, in omnibus casibus quibus absolvendi facultas nobis competeret absolvendum et reconciliandum; ordines quoque generales per quemcumque episcopum catholicum quociens opus fuerit in absencia nostra celebrari faciendum et potestatem sufficientem in ea parte committendum, brevia regia nobis directa debite exequendum et retornandum, commissarium quoque generalem cum potestate omnia et singula faciendi, exercendi et expediendi que per commissarium hujusmodi de jure seu consuetudine laudabili consueverunt, preficiendi et deputandi in civitatibus et diocesi nostris predictis, omniaque alia et singula faciendi, exercendi et expediendi que hujusmodi vicariatus officio de jure seu consuetudine quomodolibet incumbere dinoscuntur, collaciones vero et presentaciones beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum ad nos qualitercumque pertinentes nobis specialiter reservando, vices nostras committimus cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice et exequendi que in hac parte decreverimus potestate, per presentes donec eas ad nos per literas nostras de commissione

presenti mencionem facientes duximus revocandas. In cujus 1408.
rei testimonium sigillum nostrum, quo dum ecclesie Londoniensi prefuimus utebamur, presentibus duximus apponendum. Data in hospicio habitacionis nostre in parochia Sancti Clementis Dacorum extra barram Novi Templi Londoniensis situato, quinto die mensis Aprilis A.D. 1408, et nostre translacionis anno primo.

74. Prefixio officialis principalis consistorii Wellensis.

Eisdem v° die, etc. prefatus reverendus pater dictum Magistrum Ricardum Bruton sui consistorii Wellensis prefixit et deputavit per suas certî tenoris literas que immediate sequuntur et sunt tales ;—Nicholaus etc. dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Ricardo Bruton, ecclesie nostre Wellensis cancellario, salutem etc. Cuncta nobis commissa personaliter exercere non valentes ac de tuis circumspeccione, fidelitate et industria, plurimum in Domino confidentes te in officialem nostrum principalem preficimus per presentes et ad cognoscendum et procedendum in omnibus et singulis causis et negociis in consistorio nostro Wellensi motis seu movendis, devolutis seu devolvendis, ac ea seu eas audiendum, discuciendum et fine debito terminandum, testes quoque, literas et instrumenta ac alia quecumque probacionum genera coram vobis producendum in causis et negociis hujusmodi ad instanciam quarumcumque partium, aut ex officio nostro mero mixto seu promoto, sive exhibendum, admittendum et recipiendum vel, si necesse fuerit, rejiciendum, dicta quoque et deposiciones testium hujusmodi concordandum, recepcionesque admissiones et examinaciones testium hujusmodi cum potestate dicta et deposiciones eorumdem concordandi, cuicumque persone ydonee sive quibuscumque personis ydoneis committendi, ac sentencias quascumque, tam diffinitivas quam interlocutorias ferendi, necnon ad rescribendum et inhibendum in forma juris in quibuscumque causis et negociis que ad nos et nostram audienciam per viam appellacionis seu querele fuerint devoluta Fol. 9*d*.
seu devolvenda ac in hujusmodi causis appellacionum et querelarum canonice procedendum et eas fine debito terminandum, ac omnia alia et singula faciendum, exercendum et expediendum, que in premissis et circa ea ac quodlibet premissorum necessaria fuerint vel eciam opportuna et que ad

1408. officium officialitatis consistorii hujusmodi quomodolibet dinoscuntur pertinere eciamsi mandatum exigant speciale, tibi tenore presencium committimus vices nostras cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice ac exequendi que in hac parte decreveritis potestate. In cujus rei etc ut supra in proxima commissione.

75. Deputacio commissarii generalis.

Dictis vero die, anno etc, memoratus reverendus pater Magistrum Thomam Barton, in legibus bacallarium, suum in civitatibus et diocesi Bathoniensibus et Wellensibus ordinavit et deputavit commissarium generalem sub forma verborum subsequenti ;—

Nicholaus etc. dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Thome Barton, in legibus bacallario, salutem etc. Ad corrigenda, punienda et debite reformanda crimina, excessus et defectus quorumcumque subditorum nostrorum et aliorum infra jurisdiccionem nostram delinquencium ad forum, cognicionem et jurisdiccionem ecclesiastica qualitercumque spectancia vobisque dilata, necnon personis hujusmodi delinquentibus pro commissis suis penas canonicas et salutares imponendas et infligendas juxta juris exigenciam, necnon testamenta et ultimas voluntates quorumcumque subditorum nostrorum hujusmodi et aliorum infra jurisdiccionem nostram predictam qualitercumque decedencium insinuanda, probanda et approbanda ac, si opus fuerit, cassanda et adnullanda, administracionesque omnium et singulorum bonorum hujusmodi testamenta sive ultimas voluntates concernencia et aliorum quorumcumque ab intestato decedencium personis ydoneis juxta canonicas sancciones committendas, compotumque, calculum sive raciocinium de et super administracionibus hujusmodi petenda, audienda et recipienda, executores quoque et bonorum administratores hujusmodi ab ulteriori compoto cuicumque faciendo, ab officio dimittendos et finaliter acquietandos, ac bona hujusmodi testancium sive ab intestato moriencium quociens opus fuerit sequestranda et sub arto sequestro custodienda et custodiri facienda, rectoresque et vicarios quoscumque dicte nostre diocesis in suis beneficiis non residentes ad personaliter residendos in eisdem juxta canonica instituta per quascumque

censuras ecclesiasticas compellendos et ad reparacionem et refeccionem competentem beneficiorum suorum hujusmodi eciam canonice compescendos, necnon sentencias suspensionis, excommunicacionis et interdicti per te latas seu ferendas revocandas relaxandas et personas eis qualitercumque involutas in casibus a jure permissis legitime absolvendas ab eisdem, ceteraque omnia alia et singula etc, tibi de cujus fidelitate etc committimus vices nostras etcetera, teque commissarium nostrum in partibus generalem preficimus et creamus per presentes, ad nostrum beneplacitum tantummodo duraturas. In cujus rei testimonium etc ut supra. 1408.

76. On the abovesaid day &c the bishop collated to Sir John Bray, priest, the vicarage of Welyngton and instituted him as perpetual vicar therein according to the form of the constitutions of the Lords Otho and Ottobon, sometime legates in England of the apostolic see.

77. On the aforesaid day etc, Sir Benedict atte Chirche of Lacford, canon and prebendary of Combe terciadecima in the church of Wells, resigned these benefices into the bishop's hands and he collated the same to Master Eudo le Zouch, doctor of laws, and invested him as canon and prebendary. Fol. 10.

78. April 4. The bishop's inn at London in the parish of St. Clement Danes without the bar of the new Temple. A commission went out to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to set forward an exchange of benefices between Sir Philip Brystowe, rector of the parish church of Kyngton Magna, of his diocese, and Master John Hody, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Queen's Cammell, and institute the said Sir Philip as perpetual vicar of Queen's Cammell at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Cleeve of the Cistercian order, reserving his induction and canonical obedience; and on 3 May a certificate of the commission was returned shewing that on 7 April, at Abyndon, the said bishop instituted him, in the person of his proctor Nicholas Steur, clerk. The said proctor then, on the same 3rd day of May, took the oath of canonical obedience and had letters to the archdeacon of Wells to induct. Fol. 10*d*.

1408. 79. Tenor commissionis ad inquirendum super pollucione cimiterii Wellensis.

Nicholaus etc dilectis in Christo filiis Magistris Ricardo Bruton, vicario nostro in spiritualibus generali, Ricardo Drayton et Johanni Hody, ecclesie nostre Wellensis canonicis, salutem etc. Cum nuper ex relatu dilectorum in Christo filiorum dominorum Willelmi Hope et Johannis Veire, in dicta ecclesia nostra Wellensi vicariorum in choro, prout asserunt, intellexerimus qualiter eorum uterque, instinctu fraudis diabolice, infra cimiterium ecclesie nostre predicte, manus in alterutrum usque ad sanguinis effusionem hinc inde injecerit violentas, sentenciam majoris excommunicacionis a canone in ea parte lato dampnabiliter incurrendo a qua petierunt a nobis cum instancia se absolvi: verum quia dictarum parcium unde assertioni in tam grandi et arduo negocio presertim in foro contencioso fidem indubiam absque pleniori informacione adhibere non valemus et dicti negocii veritas in loco delicti commissi facilius, plenius et verius, poterit eliquere, hinc est quod vobis de quorum fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria plene confidimus ad inquirendum de et super omnibus et singulis circumstanciis dictum negocium de jure concernentibus, servatis in ea parte debite observandis, si vobis diligenti et fideli inquisicione prehabita in hac parte de et super omnibus et singulis supradictis constare poterit quod ad nos episcopali auctoritate dictorum Willelmi et Johannis absolucio de jure debeat pertinere ut eosdem Willelmum et Johannem a majoris excommunicacionis vinculo in eosdem propter violentam manuum injec-
Fol. 11. cionem a canone lato, forma juris in absolucionibus consimilibus observari consueta in hac parte undequaque servata, vice et auctoritate nostris absolvere valeatis, vices nostras committimus et plenam tenore presencium, penitenciam tamen salutarem eisdem et alteri juxta qualitatem et circumstancias negocii antedicti primitus imponentes, nos de facto vestro cum in ea parte fueritis congrue requisiti reddendo certiores, volentes tamen quod si non poteritis omnes tres in dicti negocii cognicione et execucione simul interesse duo vestrum nichilominus, quorum vos Magister Ricardus Bruton unum esse volumus, in dicto negocio procedatis finem ei debitum imponendo. Data sub sigillo nostro in hospicio habitacionis nostre extra

barram Novi Templi Londoniensis xxj° die mensis Maii 1408, 1408.
et nostre translacionis anno primo.

Commissio ad reconciliandum cimiterium ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis.

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino, domino Johanni, Dei gracia Saltoniensi episcopo, salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Ad reconciliandum in forma ecclesie consueta cimiterium ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis sanguinis effusione pollutum ac omnia et singula facienda, exercenda et expedienda que in ea parte necessaria fuerint seu eciam opportuna vobis tenore presencium committimus vices nostras, attente vos rogantes quatinus dicto negocio expedito nos de omni eo quod feceritis in premissis citra festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo nunc futurum debite certificetis literis vestris patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem. Data etcetera ut supra proximo.

80. May 27. Same place. A commission went out to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Henry Wylcok, rector of the parish church of Mildenhale of his diocese, and Richard Slougtre, rector of the parish church of Norton of the collation and diocese of bishop Nicholas, and on 12 June a certificate thereof was returned showing that on 9 June, at Sutton of his diocese, the bishop had collated to Sir Henry the said church of Norton and instituted him. Sir Henry then took the oath of canonical obedience and had letters to induct directed to the archdeacon of Wells.

81. June 13. Wells. Master Richard Bruton, vicar general, granted to William Clive letters dimissory to all orders in form following:—

Ricardus Bruton, etc. dilecto nobis in Christo Willelmo Clyve, Fol. 11*d.*
clerico Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Ut a quocumque episcopo catholico graciam sedis apostolice et execucionem sui officii obtinente tibique sacras manus imponere volentes ad omnes ordines, tam minores quam sacros, quos nondum es assecutus licite valeas promoveri eo non obstante quod in dicta diocesi oriundus existis, dumtamen

1408. natalibus, moribus et sciencia aptus repertus fueris et idoneus titulumque sufficientem ordinatori tuo exhibueris, aliud quoque canonicum non obsistat, tam tibi recipiendi quam cuicumque episcopo hujusmodi ordines conferendi auctoritate domini episcopi Nicholai commissa, liberam in Domino tenore presencium concedimus facultatem et licenciam specialem. In cujus etc.

82. Same place. Institution by the vicar general of Sir John Marschall, rector of the parish church of Sampford Brett, as rector of the parish church of Benangre, at the presentation of Master Richard Courtenay, canon and prebendary of Whitchurch in the church of Wells, and of Sir Stephen Payn, rector of Benangre, in the person of Sir Walter Gybbes, priest, substitute of William Oldom, clerk, his original proctor, as rector of Sampford Brett, at the presentation of the same Richard; on an exchange of benefices between the said parties.

83. The same day. London. The bishop granted to John Storthwayt, priest, rector of the parish church of Corymalet, licence of non-residence for one year.

The form of the bishop's letters.

Fol. 12. 84. June 20. Wells. The vicar general, in furtherance of a commission to him of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Newman, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Fyfyde Magdalene of his diocese, and Walter Hawkyn, rector of the parish church of Ronyngton of the diocese of Wells, received the resignation of both and instituted Sir John in the church of Ronyngton, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton. Sir Walter had letters of institution and a certificate of the execution of the commission as follows;—

Certificate of the vicar general to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, that, pursuant to his commission, the vicar general has instituted Sir Walter in the church of Fyfede Magdalene, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol. Dated at Wells under the seal of the office of the consistory of Wells which the vicar general uses in his office, 20 June, 1408.

85. June 22. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Robert Wattes, priest, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry of St. Mary in the manor of John Brent, esquire, at La Ford, vacant by the death of John Alganer, priest, at the presentation of the said John Brent. 1408. Fol. 12*d*.

86. June 28. London. The bishop granted to Matthew Wonston, rector of the parish church of Maperton, a dispensation according to the chapter *Cum ex eo;* for one year only.

87. As above. The bishop granted for one year to Sir John de Burgh, rector of the parish church of Chamflour Hywysshe, licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in his presence by a fit chaplain in his chapel or oratory within the manse of his rectory; without prejudice to his church.

The form of the licence.

88. July 4. Same place. A commission went out to the dean and chapter of the church of St. Paul, London, to set forward the business of an exchange of the parish church of St. Thomas the Apostle, London, held by Sir John Hanseford, with the perpetual vicarage of Welyngton, of the collation of bishop Nicholas held by Sir John Bray, and on 5 July a certificate was returned that pursuant to the commission on 4 July, in their chapter house they received the resignation of Sir John Bray of the said vicarage and collated the same to Sir John Hanseford; and the bishop after receiving the canonical obedience of the latter directed letters to his commissary general, to whom by custom the induction of the same vicarage pertains, for his induction. Fol. 13.

89. July 14. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Thomas Hykeman, priest, as rector of the parish church of Burnet, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Hoper, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Tewkesbury.

90. July 26. The bishop collated to Master Henry Gardiner, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Taunton in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the resignation of Sir Richard Palmer. And he had letters of collation and to install to the president and chapter.

1408. The letters of collation. Dated in his inn at London,
Fol. 13*d*. July 26, 1408.

The letters to install. Dated as above.

91. July 28. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir John Hanseford, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Mynhevede, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

Fol. 14. 92. July 19. Wells. The vicar general in furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sir John Woborne, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Mulborneport, and Sir Thomas atte Le, rector of the parish church of Templecombe, instituted Sir John in the church of Templecombe, at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shaftesbury of the diocese of Salisbury, and Sir Thomas in the vicarage of Mulborneport, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Cirencester of the diocese of Worcester.

93. Eisdem die, mense, anno et loco proximo prescriptis receptum fuit mandatum infrascriptum sub eo qui sequitur tenore verborum; Reverendo etc Nicholao etc, Ricardus permissione divina Londoniensis episcopus salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Literas reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini, domini Thome, Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, tocius Anglie primatis et apostolice sedis legati, xxv^to^ die mensis Junii infrascriptas post horam vesperarum reverenter recepimus in hec verba. Thomas etc venerabili fratri nostro domino Ricardo etc, salutem etc. Vox in excelso audita est lagumentacionis, fletus et luctus, Rachel, id est sancte matris ecclesie, plorantis filios suos, Christiani nominis [fideles] at[h]letas; set lacrime sue diuturno fletu siccantur in maxillis, quia non est, qui consoletur eam, ex omnibus caris ejus. Luget namque mortem millium dum unice columbe Dei militantis ecclesie secundum caput monstruose appositum, membra quoque alteri [capiti] adherencia, et si in se salva aspersione sanguinis monstruosi bona et utilia tanquam infructuosa suspendit tanquam mala abscindit, et putrida; ac tanquam maledicta excommunicacionis censura percellit; interdicit regna sibi adversancia, ecclesiarum suspendit organa; reges et prelatos discernit privatos officio, clerum,

populum, et vulgum, excommunicacionis mucrone condempnat, 1408.
sic ut vix sciat ovis erronea, ubi veri pastoris caulas inveniet.
Cujus queso musica, hiis solide ponderatis, non vertetur in
luctum. set ve! ve! proh dolor! lacrime vidue ascendunt in
excelsum, set Dominus exauditor non delectatur in illis que fuit
ecclesie cum lacrimis penitencie locum, set jam per triginta
annos et ultra clamans, non invenit eum scismate perdurato;
spesque pulcherrima de et super unione sancte matris ecclesie
per dominum nostrum papam et suos cardinales in sua creacione
promissa, juramentisque ac votis eorumdem firmata, jam redit Fol. 14*d*.
ad frustra posteriorque pestis supervenit priori deterior. Nam
etsi omnes aque, dominus scilicet noster papa et cardinales,
congregate sint in locum unum, civitatem Lucanam, terra tamen
apparet arida eo quod os putei aquas recipientis lapide grandi,
utinam non vane glorie cupidine, stat obtrusum nec supervenit
Jacob aut alius quisquam celesti dono imbutus qui lapidem
amoveat ab ore putei ut fluminis impetus letificet civitatem
Dei. Scribunt namque cardinales domino nostro regi, ac nobis
et ceteris confratribus nostris suffraganeis, quod dominus noster
papa contra formam in voto juramento ac diversis tractatibus
expressam et ipsis cardinalibus inconsultis, quin verius expresse
reclamantibus, novos creavit cardinales, ipsisque antiquis
cardinalibus mandata et injuncciones tam importabilia indixit,
ut ipsi omnes et singuli ab eisdem mandatis et injunccionibus
ab ipsoque papa irracionabiliter, et secundum non rectam
informacionem decernenti ad ipsummet secundum rectam
racionem et melius informatam decreturum; item ab ipso papa
vicario Christi in terris ad Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum
qui judicaturus est vivos et mortuos et seculum per ignem; item
ad generale concilium, a quo et in quo solent gesta summorum
pontificum, quecumque judicari possunt, decerni et judicari; item
ad papam et pontificem futurum, cujus est gesta inordinata sui
predecessoris in melius reformare, appellarunt, ac metu majoris
mali, quidam eorum pedestres et rebus omnibus spoliati; quidam
vero equestres, novem videlicet in numero, de civitate Lucana, et
a presencia domini nostri pape usque in civitatem Pisanam
recesserunt, de unitate ecclesie, nisi aut divinitus aut sagacitate
humana graciosius provideatur omnino diffisi. Supplicant igitur
iidem cardinales, collegium videlicet antiquum tam domino

1408. nostro regi quam nobis et suffraganeis nostris de bona assistencia in facto unionis, quia ipsi, collegium cardinalium, ad hoc effectualiter laborarunt juxta vires: dominusque noster rex per nos aditus et consultus tamquam Christianissimus pugil et athleta ecclesie suum ad hoc auxilium, consilium et favorem in omnibus pollicetur animo satis prompto, et ultra quam dicendum est ad presens preparato. Nos igitur considerantes, quod hoc maledictum scisma ultra omnia anteriora diucius noscitur perdurasse, quodque mala infinita et notoria, que hic causa brevitatis recitare non expedit, ex inde provenerint nos tamen de regno Anglie, quod tamen dolenter referimus, modicum hucusque circa unionem laborare curavimus, cujus pretextu Anglicani nominis fama noscitur diminuta. Volentes igitur quod antea segniter egimus, provida emendacione corrigere, et ut eo sagacius fiat, quo plurimorum firmetur discreto concilio, ob hanc causam tantum et non ob aliam, prelatos et clerum nostre Cantuariensis provincie ad certos diem et locum infrascriptos duximus convocandos de et super hac sancta et salubri materia unionis sancte matris ecclesie tractare suaque sana consilia et consensum impensuros, ulteriusque facturos quod ipsius materie arduitas exigit et requirit.

Fol. 15*d*. Wherefore he commands the bishop of London to summon convocation to meet at St. Paul's, London on 23 July and following days. . . . . Dated in his manor of Lambeth, 25 June, 1408. [*Wilkins*, vol. 3, pp. 306–308.]

By authority of which letters the bishop cites bishop Nicholas as above and commands him to cause full execution of the archbishop's letter to be made in his city and diocese. Dated in his palace at London 26 June, 1408.

Fol. 16. Mandatum predictum fuit execucioni debite demandatum sub forma verborum subsequencium. Nicholaus etc. dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Ricardo Bruton, officiali consistorii nostri Wellensis Salutem etc. Literas reverendi etc. Ricardi, Londoniensis episcopi, cum ea qua decuit reverencia recepimus, continentes mandatum ut supra. Cujus quidem auctoritate mandati vobis committimus et mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus omnia et singula in ipso mandato contenta, quatenus nos et nostras civitates et diocesim ac personas earumdem concernunt, in ecclesiis nostris cathedralibus Bathoniensi et Wellensi aliisque

ecclesiis collegiatis, conventualibus et parochialibus nostrarum 1408.
civitatis et diocesis, juxta dicti mandati exigenciam et tenorem debite exequamini et exequi faciatis nomine nostro, universis et singulis subditis nostris publice denunciantes et intimantes quod nos eis omnibus et singulis premissa in dicto mandato contenta facientibus, penitentibus contritis et confessis xl dies indulgencie auctoritate nostra consimiliter concedimus per presentes. Et quid feceritis etc. Data sub sigillo nostro etc.

94. Secundo die mensis Augusti anno domini supradicto apud Welliam emanavit litera ad inhibendum omnibus et singulis in villa Bristolli ne quis ad predicandum infra diocesim predictam admittatur nisi prius fuerint ad hoc auctoritate dicti domini episcopi admissi, vel in aliqua universitate aut studio generali notorie graduati, vel in aliquo quatuor ordinum mendicancium expresse professi et per suos superiores ad hoc missi, directa decano de Redeclef et aliis sub hac forma verborum ;—Ricardus Bruton, cáncellarius ecclesie Wellensis, reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Nicholai, Dei gracia Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi extra suam diocesim in remotis agentis vicarius in spiritualibus generalis, dilectis nobis in Christo decano de Redeclef et perpetuo vicario ibidem necnon singulis capellanis, curatis et non curatis, in ecclesia de Redeclef predicta et capella Sancti Thome ibidem divina celebrantibus, Salutem in omnium Salvatore. Fama publica referente ad nostrum pervenit auditum quod quidam iniquitatis filii evangelicam veritatem non sobrie sapientes set contra doctrinam apostolicam non missi, falcem mittunt in segetem alienam, predicando et docendo articulos erroneos catholice fidei contrarios. Quocirca vobis conjunctim et divisim, in virtute sancte obediencie firmiter injungentes, committimus et mandamus quatenus omnibus et singulis predicare et docere aliqua fidem catholicam tangencia publice vel occulte in villa Bristolli jurisdiccioni dicti reverendi patris notorie subdita et subjecta cupientibus inhibeatis et faciatis inhiberi expresse ne aliqua fidem catholicam tangencia predicare aut docere vel de eis quomodolibet disputare, publice vel occulte, presumant, nisi prius fuerint [etc ut supra]. Et si quos tales hujusmodi inhibicionem contrarios inveneritis citetis eosdem seu citari faciatis peremptorie quod compareant coram nobis seu nostris in

1408. hac parte commissariis in capella Beate Marie Virginis etc. in crastino Assumpcionis etc causam racionabilem quare pro hujusmodi doctrina erronea quam, ut dicitur, publice seminarunt nominatim et in specie excommunicari non debeant in forma juris propositurí, facturique ulterius et recepturi quod justicia suadebit. De diebus etc, necnon de nominibus quos personaliter citaveritis nos seu dictos etc certificetis etc. Data ut supra.

Fol. 16*d*. 95. Aug. 7. London. The bishop granted for one year only to John Marchaunt of Taunton licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in the presence of him or his wife in his oratory situated within his dwelling place in the said town.

96. Aug. 8. Same place. The bishop granted a dispensation for Henry Nansumr', rector of the parish church of North Cadbury, to be absent from his church for one year in the service of the noble lady, the lady of Botreaux ; provided that his church be laudably served in the meantime.

97. Aug. 18. Wells. The vicar general, by authority of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Rale, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Kyngesbury, and John Drayton *alias* Bonde, parson of the parish church of Suttacombe of the diocese of Exeter, instituted Sir John in the vicarage of the first-named church, in his presentation as chancellor of the cathedral church of Wells, and the said Sir John had letters for his induction directed to the dean of Wells. The said Thomas Rale had letters of institution and a certificate of what had been done, for the bishop of Exeter.

98. Aug. 21. Same place. A commission went out to John, bishop of Ely, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Henry Merston, canon and prebendary of Shaldeford in the cathedral church of Wells, and William Glym, rector of the parish church of Dodyngton, in the diocese of Ely, and on the last day of the month a certificate thereon was returned in London shewing that pursuant to the same the bishop on 23 August collated to William Glym the said canonry and prebend, reserving his

induction and canonical obedience. On the same last day of August the said William took the oath of obedience to bishop Nicholas, and had letters to the president and chapter to install him, and to Richard, bishop of London, to induct him into the corps of the prebend which is situated in his diocese. 1408. Fol. 17.

The form of the letters to the bishop of London.

99. Aug. 25. The vicar general instituted Sir Robert Toth, priest, as rector of the parish church of St. John the Baptist, Ivelcestre, vacant by the death of Sir Henry Fitz, at the presentation of the king, patron of the said church as has been found by inquisition.

100. Aug. 27. Wells. The vicar general instituted John Bernard, clerk, as rector of the free chapel of Claverham, vacant by the resignation of Master Nigel Hamme, at the presentation of Henry Vyel.

101. Sept. 1. Same place. By authority of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Bedmond, rector of the parish church of Clotton, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Ivery, rector of the parish church of Clyst St. Laurence of his diocese, the vicar general instituted the latter as rector of Clotton, at the presentation of Sir Humphrey Stafford, knight. And Sir William had letters of institution and a certificate of what had been done, for the bishop of Exeter. Fol. 17*d.*

102. Sept. 2. Letters of Richard, bishop of London, to bishop Nicholas, dated in his manor of Fulham, 18 August, 1408, transmitting letters received by him on 13 August of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in his manor of Lambeth, 10 August, 1408 [*Wilkins*, vol. 3, pp. 310, 311], reciting that in the convocation summoned at St. Paul's, London, on 23 July [Fol. 14], it was resolved to send ambassadors to require of the pope humbly, filially and reverentially and charitably to fulfill the way of the union of the church entered upon by him, and, because no one is bound to go a warfare at his own costs, that by way of a subsidy, 1½*d.* in every pound be levied on ecclesiastical goods and benefices assessed to Fol. 17*d* to 18*d.*

1408. and paying tenths, to be levied by Michaelmas and paid with all speed to Master Richard Brynkele, dean of the archbishop's church of St. Mary le Bow, London, or Master John Perche, registrar of the archbishop's court of Canterbury; and commanding him to have the contents of the archbishop's letter published in his diocese and the subsidy levied there.

Fol. 18*d*. 103. Forma commissionis ad colligendum subsidium predictum.

Quarto die mensis Septembris et anni domini supradicti, facta fuit publicacio premissorum in ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi et emanavit commissio abbati et conventui monasterii de Clyve dicte diocesis B. et W. ad levandos et colligendos et fideliter persolvendos denarium et obolum supradictos sub hac forma verborum;—Nicholaus etc. dilectis nobis in Christo venerabilibus religiosis viris abbati et conventui monasterii de Clyve nostre diocesis salutem etc. Literas reverendi etc Ricardi, Dei gracia Londoniensis episcopi Mandatum reverendissimi etc. Thome, Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi etc. in se continentes secundo die mensis Septembris anno domini infrascripto recepimus in hec verba ut supra. Quarum quidem literarum auctoritate et vigore ad levandos et colligendos dictos denarium et obolum de qualibet libra taxe quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum hujusmodi infra dictam nostram diocesim existencium ac pecuniam inde collectam prefatis Magistro Ricardo Brynkele seu Magistro Johanni Perche, conjunctim et divisim, Londonii citra dictum festum Sancti Michaelis proximum futurum, omni dilacione postposita persolvendam et liberandam et acquietancias de et pro receptis faciendas, ac non solventes ad satisfaccionem denarii et oboli predictorum per quascumque censuras ecclesiasticas canonice compellendos ceteraque omnia et singula facienda, exercenda et expedienda que in premissis et ea concernentibus necessaria fuerint seu eciam opportuna, vobis de quorum fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria plene confidimus vices nostras committimus vosque collectores dicti subsidii preficimus et deputamus per presentes. Data sub sigillo nostro etc.

104. Sept. 8. London. In furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sir Walter Wyncaulton, rector of the parish

church of Claverton of the bishop's collation, and John Bernard, 1408.
clerk, rector of the free chapel of Claverham, the bishop collated to the said John the church of Claverton and instituted him therein, and instituted Sir Walter, in the person of William Peirs, clerk, as rector of free chapel, at the presentation of Henry Vyel.

105. Sept. 13. A commission went out under the name Fol. 19.
and seal of the vicar general to the dean of Salisbury to forward an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Hert, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Canyngton, and William Baron, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Lyme of the diocese of Salisbury, of the peculiar jurisdiction of the dean, and on 20 September, a certificate of the aforesaid commission having been returned that by authority of such commission he has instituted Sir William as perpetual vicar of Canyngton at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Canyngton, the latter took the oath of obedience and had letters of institution and to induct directed to the archdeacon of Taunton.

106. Sept. 14. London. The bishop granted to William Pistor, clerk, acolyte of the diocese of Bath, letters dimissory to be advanced to all holy orders by any catholic bishop titled in England.

107. Sept. 21. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Stephen Sely, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Ronyngton, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Newman, priest, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

108. Sept. 24. Wells. The vicar general set forward an exchange of benefices between Sir Richard Forst', rector of the parish church of Cherdelynch and Richard Lorgh, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Bishop's Lydyard and instituted Sir Richard as perpetual vicar of Bishop's Lydeard, at the presentation of Master Walter Wyncaulton, canon of Wells and farmer of the perpetual farm of Lydeard aforesaid, patron in right of such farm; and Richard as vicar of Cherdelynch, at the pre- Fol. 19*d.*
sentation of John Boyton, esquire.

1408. 109. Sept. 25. Same place. The vicar general instituted John Stafford, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Farneburgh, vacant by the resignation of Sir Nicholas Stykelinche, priest, at the presentation of Sir Humphrey de Stafford.

110. Oct. 9. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir John Aleward, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Estbrent, vacant by the death of Sir Philip Yerdesle; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

111. Oct. 15. Same place. The vicar general granted a dispensation to Robert Hulle, esquire, and Elizabeth his wife to have masses celebrated in the presence of either in their oratory in Spaxton manor ; during the Bishop's pleasure.

112. He also granted a like dispensation to Roger Seymour, esquire, and Maud his wife, in the manor of Shepton Beauchamp.

113. Oct. 20. By authority of a special commission of bishop Nicholas, dated 23 September, London, the vicar general collated to Sir William Pilton, priest, the chapel of Blakeford, vacant by the resignation of Master Thomas Polton, made on that date, and in the bishop's collation ; and instituted him in the person of Roger Wodehele, his proctor, as rector of the same.

Fol. 20. 114. Oct. 21. London. On receipt of a commission of Henry, archbishop of York, legate of the apostolic see, for an exchange of benefices between Sir John Notyngham, master or warden of the hospital of St. Mary Magdalen, Ripon, of his diocese, and William Skirwyth, clerk, canon and prebendary of Hengestrugge in the cathedral church of Wells, bishop Nicholas collated the canonry and prebend to Sir John and invested him therein by delivery of his biretta.

115. On the same day, at the same place, the bishop granted a dispensation of non-residence for one year for Robert Wayte, rector of the parish church of Telesforde.

116. Dec. 5. Wells. The vicar general, in pursuance of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Master William Congresbury, rector of the

parish church of St. Werburg, Bristol, of his diocese, and 1408.
Sir William Hawvyle *alias* Kyng, rector of the parish church of Porteshed, instituted Master William as rector of Porteshed, at the presentation of Reynold de Halle.

117. Breve regium de mittendo doctores ad consilium pro unione ecclesie. Fol. 20*d*.

Henricus etc. venerabili etc. N. Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo, salutem. Post plurima nova nobis diversimode nunciata de gestis et factis domini Gregorii pape duodecimi necnon et illius qui secum de papatu contendit ac utriusque collegii nuper in unam et eandem mentis consonanciam super tollendo scismate concurrentis, ut dicitur, tandem ex literis reverendissimorum in Christo patrum, dominorum sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalium, ac ex relacione reverendissimi in Christo patris domini F. titulo Sanctorum Quatuor Coronatorum, cardinalis Burdegalensis, amici nostri merito predilecti, pro parte dicti collegii coram nobis ac dilectissimo filio nostro primogenito, principis Wallie, necnon et prelatis et proceribus regni nostri quampluribus constituti, leti percepimus bonam et sanctam intencionem quam prefati domini cardinales semper hactenus habuerunt, prout ipsi se habere impresenciarum ostendunt, ad unionem ecclesie sancte Dei, cujus occasione dicuntur varia pertulisse gravamina, suis non parcendo laboribus nec expensis, quodque de unanimi consensu pretextu continuacionis dicti scismatis contra votum et juramentum per ipsum dominum Gregorium dum erat in minoribus constitutus de cedendo papatui solempniter prestitum et post assumpcionem suam ad apostolatus apicem per manus sue subscripcionem publice renovatum ac eciam confirmatum, jam dicti cardinales omnem subtraxerunt obedienciam ab eodem ac pro generali consilio apud Pisas in festo Annunciacionis Dominice proximo futuro celebrando disponunt ad dictum scisma penitus extirpandum, nullam aliam viam per quam ad unionem ecclesie pervenire valeat magis accommodatam reputantes. Nos igitur cupientes ostendere quantum zelum habuimus et habemus ut pax detur ecclesie, ad predicti cardinalis et literarum predictarum instanciam excitati ac constancia ducti nostros ambassiatores, prelatos regni nostri, per se vel per procuratores suos ad dictum

1408. concilium intendimus destinare, quemadmodum alios orthodoxe fidei principes incunctanter credimus esse facturos, ut universalis ecclesia desiderabilis unionis dulcedine perfruatur. Quapropter vos attente rogamus et hortamur in Eo qui pacem ponit et fines ecclesie quatinus ad predictum consilium die et loco predictis, ut premittitur, celebrandum unum notabilem doctorem tam nomine vestro quam cleri vestre diocesis per vos propter ea convocandi sufficienti potestate munitum destinare velitis, inducendo ac eciam exhortando capitulum ecclesie vestre cathedralis ut unum doctorem simili modo transmittat prout honestati vestre conveniat et cedere poterit ad laudem Altissimi et honorem ecclesie Anglicane, scituri quod oportet hec fieri vestris et cleri Cantuariensis provincie propter ea convocandi sumptibus et expensis. Data sub privato sigillo nostro apud Westmonasterium xij^mo^ die Novembris anno regni nostri decimo.

118. Litera archiepiscopi ad convocandum de novo prelatos et clerum pro unione predicta.

Reverendo etc. Nicholao etc. Ricardus permissione divina Londoniensis episcopus salutem etc. Literas reverendissimi etc. Thome, Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi etc. primo die mensis Decembris anno domini infrascripto reverenter recepimus
Fol. 21. in hec verba ;—Thomas etc. Ricardo etc. salutem etc. Naturalis disposicio queque tantum ad unitatem dinoscitur inclinata ut ab ipsa recedens vix in natura aliquid reperiatur perfectum, quod et apes, unum de minimis animalium, recognoscit dum sub uno principe seu preposito avolans et revolans nature sue utilia predisponetur, multo ergo magis una electa Dei sancta mater ecclesia que non solum naturalibus preceptis set ab uno Deo, uno Domino ac unico summo pastore, sub una fide, uno baptismate, una spe et uno spiritu, aliisque diversis sub naturali racione verbo et opere, ad ipsam unitatem multipliciter est instructa, ipsius unitatis vincula amplexabitur indefesse et sub uno capite, vicario Christi in terris, sua gubernacula omnia solidabit, que tamen, quod dolenter referimus, diuturno jam tempore sub diviso capite set pretenso lamentabiliter fuisse dinoscitur lacerata. Ad cujus reformacionem aciem mentis nostre jam pridem, prout nobis possibile fuerat, convertentes, ex certis causis racionabilibus tunc expressis pro viis et modis

ad unionem ecclesie directivis bona atque diligenti industria 1408.
reperiendis, prelatos et clerum nostre Cantuariensis provincie ad xxiij diem mensis Julii ultimo preteriti in ecclesia cathedrali Sancti Pauli Londoniensis fecimus convocari, in qua convocacione, laudetur Ipse qui cujusque unitatis et perfeccionis est et finis, sub uno spiritu ab Ipso Deo, ut speramus, divinitus inspirati, prehabitoque domini nostri regis benigno et favorabili consensu et favore, de nonnullis ad ipsam unionem preparatoriis, honestis et inductivis, communiter disposuimus, que ad presens eo quod pluribus nota sunt non expedit recitare; verumtamen, adveniente postmodum in regnum Anglie reverendissimo in Christo patre et domino, domino cardinali Burdegalensi, tam per fidedignos relatus ejusdem, coram domino nostro rege ac nobis et pluribus confratribus nostris suffraganeis aliisque prelatis regni et proceribus, solempni proposicione emissos, quam per literas collegii cardinalium, quorum quedam domino nostro regi, quedam nobis, et quedam aliis confratribus nostris transmisse sunt, liquet clara luce quod collegia cardinalium utriusque partis sunt unita et ad unionem ecclesie Dei omnino disposita et ad hunc finem in civitate Pisarum ad festum Annunciacionis Beate Marie proximo futurum generale consilium de obediencia utriusque partis, ex consensu regum et principum atque communitatum, celebrare intendunt ac unionem ecclesie infallibiliter, ut speratur, reformare; in quo consilio nos et confratres nostros suffraganeos, ecclesiarumque cathedralium capitula et ceteros prelatos nostre Cantuariensis provincie, exemptos et non exemptos, personaliter, si poterunt, alioquin per ipsorum procuratores sufficienter instructos, tractaturos, facturos et recepturos, necnon et suum consensum et auctoritatem in hiis que ibidem agentur prebituros, volunt interesse et ex eadem causa nos convocant, prout in literis inde confectis et in prelatorum atque cleri inferius descripta convocacione realiter exhibendis omni volenti inspicere manifeste liquebit, quod utique sanctum et salubre propositum ob negligenciam cujusquam non convenit retardari set viis et modis possibilibus cum omni diligencia et ferventissimo studio, semota quacumque vecordia, expediri. Nos igitur considerantes quod tantum factum et insolitum sumptuosumque, absque prelatorum et cleri nostre Cantuariensis provincie deliberacione communi mutuoque

1408. tractatu ad honorem Dei et ecclesie sue regnique Anglie speciale non posset disponi seu ad finem debitum et honorabilem deduci cum effectu, de consensu domini nostri regis et confratrum
Fol. 21*d*. nostrorum tunc presencium consilio, ex causa premissa, prelatos et clerum nostre Cantuariensis provincie, ad decimumquartum diem mensis Januarii proximo futurum, duximus convocandos ad effectum ut consilium et auxilium in consolacionem domine gencium sancte matris ecclesie a diu desolate facilius inveniamus dum a pluribus illa querimus, nec erit cuique grato filio onerosum onus pro matre modice supportatum. Wherefore he commands the bishop to summon convocation to meet in the church of St. Paul, London, on 14 January next and following days, provided that the proctors of the clergy be not those who were charged with this in the last convocation, of which mention is made above. If any be absent, he will in no wise have them excused, nay he will punish them as sharply as he can and the more grievously and fervently because by not coming they will be deemed to show contempt to him and God whose cause will be their subject.

Fol. 22. Insuper quia non modicum ymmo per maximum et ex ipsis rerum argumentis probatissimum sortiri solet effectum deprecacio justi assidua, ac difficile immo verius impossibile sit ut non impetretur quod multorum ac unanimi assidua peticione non ad cujusquam commodum temporale set ad Dei laudem ac prosperacionem sue militantis ecclesie juste postuletur—dicente Domino in Evangelio Quicquid orantes petitis, credite et fiet vobis—fraternitati vestre committimus et mandamus quatinus omnibus et singulis coepiscopis et suffraganeis nostris, vice et auctoritate nostris cum omni celeritate qua poteritis vestris literis harum seriem continentibus denuncietis et eisdem districtius injungatis ut eorum singuli in ecclesiis suis cathedralibus et aliis ecclesiis conventualibus et collegiatis, tam regularibus quam secularibus, necnon parochialibus ecclesiis, suarum civitatum et diocesium, diebus Dominicis et festivis suos subditos, clericos et laicos, efficaciter moneant et inducant seu moneri faciant et inducant quod ipsi universi omnipotenti Deo in cujus manu cuncta sunt posita ut sacrum illud generale consilium, ut premittitur, annuente Domino celebrandum dirigere et prosperare dignetur Christianissimumque regem

nostrum, zelo unionis sancte ecclesie Dei beatissime accensum, 1408.
in eo firmissime stabilire ipsumque sic stabilitum ad tam sanctum tamque salubre propositum exequendum dirigere et conservare ; ac nobis et clero nostro antedicto ad sui nominis gloriam congregandam medius existere nostrisque sensibus sentencie sue lumen in hac ecclesie sue causa summe necessarium inpendere, sicque dona gracie sue nobis et unicuique nostrum dividere, ut ea que sibi placita sunt et ad enervacionem prefati horrendi scismatis, tamdiu proh dolor! continuati, tendere valeant discernere pariter et ordinare possimus in hac causa Dei, prout nobis et unicuique nostrum attinet, in missarum solempniis, sermonibus publicis et processionibus consuetis quos propter ea singulis quartis et sextis feriis, eo fervencius et solercius quo poterit fieri volumus et mandamus oraciones devotas, jejuniis, elemosinis et aliis caritatis operibus vallatas et ornatas effundant, et faciant a suis subditis et parochianis effundi. Vos autem, venerabilis frater, premissa in ecclesia vestra cathedrali ac aliis conventualibus, collegiatis et parochialibus ecclesiis vestrarum civitatis et diocesis modo simili faciatis et demandetis efficaciter observari. Et ut fidelium mentes ad hujusmodi devocionis opera propensius excitemus, de Dei omnipotentis immensa misericordia et beatissime Virginis Marie, matris ejusdem, ac beatorum Petri et Pauli, apostolorum ejus, necnon sanctorum Alphegi et Thome, martirum, patronorum nostrorum, omniumque sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes, ipsis fidelibus quibuscumque per nostram provinciam antedictam ubilibet constitutis, de peccatis suis vero penitentibus, contritis et confessis, premissa ut predicitur facientibus xl dies indulgencie tociens quociens, concedimus per presentes, et a vobis ceterisque confratribus et suffraganeis nostris similes indulgencias petimus elargiri. Data in manerio Fol. 22*d*.
nostro de Lamhith ultimo die mensis Novembris, anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ octavo. [*Wilkins*, vol. 3, pp. 311, 312, *in part only*.] Quarum auctoritate literarum vos, reverende pater, cum ea qua decet reverencia tenore presencium peremptorie citamus quatinus in dicta ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensis dicto xiiij die mensis Januarii, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium et locorum coram dicto reverendissimo patre, aut suis in hac parte locumtenentibus vel commissariis si ipsum

1408. (quod absit) tunc impediri contigerit, ad hujusmodi negocium personaliter compareatis secundum dictarum literarum exigenciam et effectum. Vobis eciam omnia et singula in eisdem literis contenta paternitati vestre intimanda et denuncianda harum serie intimamus et denunciamus, vobisque nichilominus auctoritate predicta firmiter injungimus et mandamus quatinus omnia et singula in prefatis literis contenta, quatenus vos ac civitates et diocesim vestras necnon personas earumdem concernunt, juxta vim, formam et tenorem literarum predictarum execucioni plenarie demandetis et faciatis, unacum petitis ab eodem reverendissimo patre indulgenciis, prout ad vos attinet in hac parte, efficaciter demandari, certificantes eundem reverendissimum patrem aut suos in hac parte locumtenentes seu commissarios distincte et aperte prout in prefatis litteris fieri demandatur. Data sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Fulham, secundo die dicti mensis Decembris anno domini supradicto et nostre translacionis anno secundo.

Forma execucionis literarum predictarum. Nicholaus etc. dilectis in Christo filiis presidente capitulo ecclesie nostre Wellensis, decano ejusdem absente, ac capitulo predicto, salutem etc. Literas reverendi etc. Ricardi, Dei gracia Londoniensis episcopi, mandatu reverendissimi etc. Thome, Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi etc. in se continentes xij die mensis Decembris anno domini infrascripto recepimus tenorem verborum qui sequitur continerentes ;—Reverendo etc. ut supra. Quarum auctoritate literarum vos presidentem et capitulum predictos peremptorie citamus quatinus per unum ad minus fidedignum sufficientem habentem, providum et discretum, die et loco in dictis literis contentis, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum et locorum, si oporteat, tunc sequencium compareatis coram prefato reverendissimo in Christo patre, ipsiusve locumtenentibus aut commissariis facturi et recepturi in omnibus et per omnia quod tenor et effectus dictarum literarum in se exigunt et requirunt. Vobis eciam omnia et singula in dictis literis contenta vobis intimanda et denuncianda tenore presencium intimamus et denunciamus, vobisque nichilominus auctoritate predicta et nostra firmiter injungimus et mandamus quatinus omnia et singula in prefatis literis contenta, quatenus

vos ac jurisdiccionem vestram quam habere pretenditis conjunc- 1408.
tim seu divisim ac personas ejusdem concernunt, juxta vim, formam et effectum literarum predictarum debite exequamini seu exequi faciatus prout decet. Et ut fidelium mentes ad hujusmodi devocionis opera eo frequencius excitentur de Dei igitur omnipotentis immensa misericordia ac beatissime Virginis Marie, matris ejusdem, ac beatorum Petri et Pauli et Andree, apostolorum Ejus, patronorum nostrorum, omniumque sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes etcetera ut supra xl dies indulgencie etc. concedimus per presentes, mandantes quatenus de omni eo etc. Data etc. xiiij die prefati mensis Decembris anno domini ut supra.

Sub forma predicta emanarunt singula mandata singulis Fol. 23.
archidiaconis in diocesi, mutatis mutandis.

119. Bishop NICHOLAS to THOMAS, archbishop of CANTERBURY.

Notifies that he received on 12 December the aforesaid letters of Richard, bishop of London, and that he has had the archbishop's mandate demanded for execution in his diocese with all possible speed. Dated under his seal, in his inn at London, December 31, in the year abovesaid.

120. Writ of the king to bishop Nicholas to levy of the goods of Walter Aymer, the bishop's clerk, 40 marks recovered against him by Henry Colbache, clerk, before the king's justices at Westminster, and 20 marks adjudged to the said Henry for damages, as appears by a jury taken before the justices at Westminster on the octaves of Trinity last, and have them before the justices on the octaves of St. Hilary for delivery to Henry, and this writ. Witness W. Thornynges at Westminster, 18 October, in the tenth year of our reign. Ro. 132. Heuster.

Return to the above. Dec. 27, 1408. The bishop has caused the goods of the said Walter and the fruits, rents and profits of his church of St. Michael without the gate of Bath, to be sequestrated and kept in strait custody by Sir John Churcheward, rector of St. James's.

121. RICHARD, bishop of LONDON to bishop NICHOLAS. Fol. 23*d*.
Literas reverendissimi etc. Thome Dei gracia archiepiscopi,

1408. etc. tercio die presentis mensis Februarii reverenter recepimus in hec verba ;—Thomas etc. Cum nos ac ceteri prelati ac clerus nostre Cantuariensis provincie in ultima convocacione nostra prelatorum et cleri hujusmodi in ecclesia vestra Londoniensi xiiij° die presentis mensis Januarii per nos incepta et usque ad penultimum diem ejusdem mensis continuata concesserimus et concesserint pro expensis procuratorum per nos ac ipsos prelatos de consilio et assensu dicti cleri conjunctim electorum ad transeundum ad generale consilium celebrandum in partibus ultramarinis pro unione universalis ecclesie, concedente Altissimo, reformanda unum subsidium de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis quibuscumque dicte provincie taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis et eciam de beneficiis et officiis non taxatis nec ad decimam solvere consuetis excedentibus summam centum solidorum, juxta veram estimacionem valoris annui eorumdem per locorum episcopos in quibus hujusmodi beneficia vel officia situata existunt fiendam, videlicet de qualibet libra quatuor denarios ad prefatum usum celeriter colligendos, ita quod tres oboli de libra in ultima convocacione precedente concessi in ipsis iiij^or denariis de libra supradictis computentur, sic quod utraque concessio hujusmodi iiij^or denarios de libra non excedat: vobis igitur committimus et mandamus quatinus, premissa primitus publicantes, predictos iiij^or*d.* de libra de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis hujusmodi infra diocesim vestram Londoniensem existentibus levetis seu levari faciatis ac pecuniam inde collectam citra festum Sancti Gregorii proximo futurum Magistro Ricardo Brynkele, decano nostro ecclesie Beate Marie de Archubus Londoniensis sive Magistro Johanni Perche, curie nostre Cantuariensis registrario, conjunctim et divisim, Londonii, omni dilacione postposita, persolvatis seu persolvi faciatis; ac omnibus et singulis venerabilibus fratribus suffraganeis nostris per nostram provinciam Cantuariensem ubilibet constitutis premissa intimetis seu intimari faciatis, eisdem ex parte nostra mandantes, quibus eciam nos tenore presencium mandamus, ut contenta in literis nostris supradictis per singulas suas dioceses publicari faciant et dictos iiij*d.* de libra quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum hujusmodi in singulis suis diocesibus existencium levari consimiliter faciant juxta concessionem predictam citra dictum

festum Sancti Gregorii proximo futurum prefatis Magistro 1409.
Ricardo Brynkele sive Magistro Johanni Perche fideliter persolvendos. Data in manerio nostro de Lamhith, ultimo die mensis Januarii anno domino millesimo cccc^mo viij^o[–ix^o] et nostre translacionis anno terciodecimo. Quarum auctoritate literarum premissa in eisdem literis contenta paternitati vestre intimanda harum serie intimamus, vobis eciam auctoritate predicta, cum ea qua decet reverencia, firmita injungendo mandamus quatinus contenta in literis supradictis per diocesim vestram publicari faciatis et dictos iiij*d.* de libra quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum ac officiorum hujusmodi in eadem diocese vestra existencium levari consimiliter faciatis juxta concessionem predictam citra dictum festum etc ut supra. Data sub sigillo nostro in palacio nostro Londonii, iiij^to die mensis Februarii etc.

Feb. 16. A commission went out to the prior and convent Fol. 24.
of Taunton to be collectors of the said 2½*d.* of every pound in the diocese according to the force, form and effect of the said letters.

122. Jan. 23, 1409. London. The bishop collated to Thomas Bubbewith, clerk, in the person of Thomas Shelford, clerk, his proctor, a canonry and the prebend of Bokelond Denham in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Terry; and invested him by delivery of his biretta.

123. Jan. 25. Same place. He collated to Master Richard Bruton the canonical house wherein Sir Thomas Terry lately dwelt, in the form following;—Nicholaus etc. dilecto nobis in Christo filio Magistro Ricardo Bruton, ecclesie nostre Wellensis cancellario, canonico et residenciario in eadem, salutem etc. Domos illas canonicales in civitate nostra Wellensi quas dominus Thomas Terry, ejusdem ecclesie dum vixit canonicus residenciarius ultimo inhabitabat, vacantes et ad nostram collacionem pleno jure spectantes, tibi quamdiu in eadem ecclesia canonicus residenciarius fueris ipsasque personaliter inhabitare volueris et alias domos canonicales non habueris conferimus cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis possidendas, teque in easdem juxta morem et consuetudinem in hac parte

1409. requisitas inducendum fore decernentes et inducimus per presentes; juribus et consuetudinibus ecclesie nostre Wellensis predicte inde debitis et consuetis semper salvis. In cujus etc. Data in hospicio nostro Londonii 25 Januarii, 1408–9, et nostre translacionis anno primo.

124. Feb. 6. Same place. The bishop granted licence of non-residence for one year for Sir Thomas Harlyng, rector of the parish church of Yevele.

125. Feb. 8. Same place. He granted the like licence to John Bernard, rector of the parish church of Claverton, attending schools anywhere in England in any university where general study flourishes.

Fol. 24*d*. 126. Feb. 10. A commission went out to Sir Thomas Haunelay, dean of the king's free chapel of Tetenhale of the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, for an exchange of benefices between Sir John de Notyngham, canon and prebendary of Hengestrugge in the church of Wells and canon and prebendary of Godeshale in the said free chapel, and Sir Richard Kyngeston, canon and prebendary of the Altar of St. Mary in the collegiate church of St. John of Beverley, of the diocese of York, and a certificate of that commission was received at London, on 1 March, shewing that in furtherance thereof he has collated to Sir Richard the said canonry and prebend in the church of Wells. Sir Richard then took the oath of canonical obedience and had letters to the president and chapter of the church of Wells to install him.

127. Quinto decimo die mensis et anni domini supradictorum loco quo supra prefatus reverendus pater concessit omnibus parochianis suis et aliis quorum diocesani etc. qui ad sustentacionem et reparacionem capelle quam Johannes Yve of Leeton et Johannes Muriden, capellani, in honore Sancte Marie Magdalene in campo vocato Hateleyfeld, Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis, ubi nonnulla corpora etc. in bello in vigilia Beate Marie Magdalene interfecti fuerunt anno domini 1403, xl dies indulgencie.

128. March 1. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Walter Bury, priest, as rector of the parish church of Ronyngton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Stephen Sely, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton. 1409.

129. March 2. London. The bishop committed to the dean and chapter of St. Paul's, London, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Bray, rector of the parish church of St. Thomas the Apostle, London, and John Batyn, rector of the parish church of Westcoker, and on 4 March received a certificate that by force of such commission, they on the previous day in their chapter house, instituted Sir John Bray as rector of Westcoker, at the presentation of Edward, earl of Devon. The said John then took the oath of canonical obedience and had letters for his induction.

130. March 5. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Lemyngton, priest, as rector of the parish church of Bokelond St. Mary, vacant by the death of Sir Peter Whyte; at the presentation of Edward, duke of York, patron for this turn. Fol. 25.

131. March 12. Same place. He instituted Sir John Bonyngdon, priest, as rector of the parish church of Clutton, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Iveray; at the presentation of Sir Humphrey Stafford, knight.

132. March 15. He instituted Sir John Iveray, priest, as rector of the parish church of Cryschton, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Bockyng; at the presentation of John Pokyswell, donzell, patron of the same, as has been found by inquisition.

133. March 22. Evercrich. The bishop instituted Sir Richard Childe, priest, as rector of the parish church of Combe Flory, vacant by the death of Sir John Sampson, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

SEQUITUR DE ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO CCCC^{mo} NONO.

134. Ratification by the bishop of some indulgences granted to the prior and convent of Stavordale by the archbishop [of

1409. Canterbury] and the rest of the bishops' fellow-bishops and *confrères*. Dated in Woky manor, 27 March, 1409.

Fol. 25*d*. Hic mutatur annus translacionis in annum secundum.

135. April 6. The bishop granted to Sir John Pecok, rector of the parish church of Shepton Malett, licence of non-residence for one year.

136. April 13. Same place. The bishop collated to Sir John Roland, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Wedmore quarta in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Bonyngton.

137. April 15. Same place. The bishop instituted Master William Penbugyll, clerk, in the person of Thomas Shelford, clerk, his proctor, as rector of the parish church of Clutton, vacant by the death of Sir John Bonyngton ; at the presentation of Sir Humphrey Stafford, knight.

138. April 16. Same place. The bishop presented to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, Thomas Shelford, clerk, to the parish church of Asshbury, of his diocese, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Byssebury.

139. As above. The bishop collated to Master John Tyssebury the office of commissary general in his diocese under the form of words following ;—Nicholaus etc. dilecto nobis in Christo Magistro Johanni Tyssebury in legibus bacallario, salutem etc. Ad punienda, corrigenda et debite reformanda crimina, excessus et defectus quorumcumque subditorum nostrorum et aliorum infra nostras civitates, diocesim et jurisdiccionem delinquencium, penitenciasque canonicas et salutares pro commissis hujusmodi imponendas et infligendas, necon et purgaciones canonicas in forma juris indicendas, admittendas et recipiendas, necnon testamenta et ultimas voluntates quorumcumque subditorum nostrorum infra nostras civitates et diocesim predictas decedencium insinuanda, probanda et approbanda, et si necesse fuerit juxta juris exigenciam impugnanda, cassanda et annullanda, administracionesque bonorum hujusmodi testamenta et ultimas voluntates concernencium et aliorum quorumcumque eciam ab intestato

decedencium personis debitis et idoneis committendas, compotum, calculum sive raciocinium de et super administracione bonorum hujusmodi de executoribus et bonorum administratoribus predictis petendum, audiendum et recipiendum, acquietancias quoque finales et liberaciones plenarias de et super compoto hujusmodi executoribus et bonorum administratoribus predictis faciendas et eosdem ab ulteriori compoto in ea parte reddendo finaliter dimittendos et absolvendos ac omnia hujusmodi testancium sive ab intestato moriencium bona fructusque, redditus et proventus, ac cetera emolumenta personarum ecclesiasticarum quorumcumque in casibus a jure permissis, quociens opus fuerit, sequestranda et sub arto sequestro custodiri facienda, ceteraque omnia et singula etc. que ad hujusmodi commissarii officium de jure seu consuetudine dinoscuntur pertinere, vobis de cujus etc. vosque commissarium et sequestratorem nostrum generalem preficimus et deputamus per presentes. In cujus etc. 1409.

140. April 17. Same place. The bishop committed to Masters Richard Bruton, chancellor of the church of Wells, and John Tyssebury, his commissary general in partibus, power of receiving the purgation of an incarcerated clerk, under the form following ;—Nicholaus etc. Cum quidam Johannes Bachous, clericus, super eo quod ipse de et super crimine furti coram Ricardo Virgo, senescallo domine Elizabeth Juliers, comitisse Kancie, quod die Dominica proximo ante festum Sancti Johannis ante Portam Latinam, anno nunc regis Henrici quarti post conquestum octavo, apud Cammell Abbatis infra hundredum de Somerton in comitatu Sumerset unum equum griseum precii xvj*s*. de bonis cujusdam Johannis Baker felonice furari debuisset extitit indictatus et super hoc coram dicto senescallo convictus ac tandem carceri nostro judicatus secundum canonicas sancciones et libertates ecclesiasticas extitit liberatus, sicque nobis ex parte prefati Johannis Bachous fuit humiliter supplicatum ut ad ipsius purgacionem super crimine predicto sibi imposito procedere curaremus, verum quia arduis prepediti negociis hiis ad presens personaliter intendere non valemus, ad admittendam igitur et recipiendam purgacionem canonicam prefati Johannis Bachous super predicto crimine in forma juris, Fol. 26.

1409. facta primitus per vos in ecclesia nostra cathedrali et in ecclesia parochiali Sancti Cuthberti Wellensis et aliis locis quibus videbitur vobis magis expedire proclamacione dicti criminis pretensi quod, si quis sit qui velit aut valeat prefatum Johannem clericum, super predicto crimine accusare vel alias contra eum prosequi ipsius purgacioni opponendo, compareat coram vobis certis die et loco purgacionis sue faciende et per vos assignandis contra predictum Johannem clericum et ejus purgacionem in forma juris propositurus ; et, si de nullo hujusmodi accusatore vel oppositore appareat, ejus purgacionem de dicto crimine juxta statuta canonica in forma juris, ut premittitur, admittendam, et ipsum Johannem, sic legitime purgatum, a carcerali clericorum custodia nostra Wellensi tanquam de dicto crimine insontem et immunem liberandum et ipsum bone fame sue pristine restituendum et ab hujusmodi nostra custodia libere abire permittendum, vobis conjunctim et divisim committimus vices nostras cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice et exequendi que in hac parte decreveritis potestate, et quid inveneritis et feceritis in premissis nos expedito negocio hujusmodi unacum toto processu vestro coram vobis in hac parte habendo dilucide et aperte certificetis literis vestris patentibus harum et facti vestri seriem continentibus authentico sub sigillo. Data in manerio nostro de Woky etc. ut supra.

141. April 18. Evercrich. The bishop instituted Sir John Elys, priest, as rector of the parish church of Foxcote, vacant by the death of Sir John Bonyngdon, at the presentation of Sir John Kyngeston, knight, patron of the same as has been found by inquisition before Master John Tyssebury, the bishop's commissary general.

142. April 26. He instituted John Blyton, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Wrytelyngton, at the presentation of Sir John Wakehynges, clerk, prebendary of Fordyngton in the cathedral church of Salisbury.

143. Pro capcione corporis excommunicati.

Excellentesimo in Christo principi et domino, domino
Fol. 26*d*. Henrico, Dei gracia regi Anglie et Francie ac domino Hibernie illustri, Nicholaus etc. salutem in Eo per quem reges regnant et

principes dominantur. Vestre regie celsitudini tenore pre- 1409.
sencium intimamus quod dominus Johannes Colyford, vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Northpederton, nostre diocesis fuit et est propter suas multiplicitas contumacias et offensas manifestas in negocio correccionis anime sue judicialiter contractas majoris excommunicacionis sentencia auctoritate venerabilis patris domini Henrici, Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi, predecessoris nostri immediati, canonice innodatus ac sic pro excommunicato publice et solempniter nunciatus; in qua quidem excommunicacione idem dominus Johannes per dies et amplius perseveravit et ad huc perseverat, animo pertinaciter indurato, claves sancte matris ecclesie nequiter contempnendo. Cum igitur sancta mater ecclesia ultra non habeat quid faciat in hac parte, vestre regie celsitudini supplicamus quatinus contra ipsum dominum Johannem sic excommunicatum exercere dignemini quod secundum regni vestri consuetudinem regie convenit majestati, ut quem timor Dei a malo non revocat saltem coherceat animadversio regie potestatis; quam feliciter conservet in prosperis nostri clemencia Salvatoris. Data in manerio nostro de Woky etc.

144. May 19. London. The bishop committed to Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of the cathedral church of Wells, his powers to receive the resignation by John Frank, king's clerk, of a canonry and the prebend of Wandestre in the said church which he holds at present by collation of the order and to admit him or his proctor to the said prebend at the king's presentation, and invest him in the same. The king lately by judgment of his court recovered against Henry, last bishop of Bath and Wells, his presentation to that prebend and by letters patent has commanded bishop Nicholas to admit him to that prebend and grant him a stall in the choir and a place in the chapter in right of that prebend. Furthermore the bishop committed to him to enjoin by his authority on the president and chapter to induct him, assigning to him the stall in the choir and place in the chapter of ancient time due to the prebend.

May 20. The said commissary accordingly admitted the aforesaid John Frank to the canonry and prebend, vacant by the resignation or renunciation of John Alampton, his proctor Fol. 27.

1409. appointed for this, in the person of the said proctor, at the king's presentation. The tenour of the procuration mentioned above is such ;—

In Dei nomine, Amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidentur quod anno ab incarnacione Domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane 1409, indiccione secunda, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Gregorii divina providencia pape duodecimi tercio, et mensis Maii die nona, venerabilis vir dominus Johannes Frank presbiter in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensis in mei, notarii publici, et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus, dilectos sibi in Christo Magistros Ricardum Bruton, Thomam Polton, Ricardum Pittes, Rogerum Harewell et Ricardum Harewell, canonicos ecclesie Wellensis, Magistrum Willelmum Spaldewyk, canonicum ecclesie Sarisburiensis, Magistrum Walterum Bullok, canonicum ecclesie Lichfeldensis, Johannem Wycombe, Johannem de Frome, Johannem Forde, Walterum Deene, capellanum, et Johannem Alampton, vicarium in ecclesia Wellensi, conjunctim et divisim, et eorum quemlibet per se et in solidum, ita quod non sit melior condicio occupantis set quod unus eorum inceperit eorum quilibet libere prosequi valeat, mediare et finire, suos veros et legitimos ordinavit, fecit et constituit procuratores, actores, factores, negociorum suorum gestores et nuncios speciales. Deditque et concessit idem constituens dictis procuratoribus suis et eorum cuilibet per se et in solidum potestatem generale et mandatum speciale pro eo et ejus nomine quodcumque beneficium ecclesiasticum, curatum vel non curatum, ac canonicatum et prebendam eciam dignitatem in ecclesia cathedrali, collegiata seu metropolitica, eidem Johanni Frank collatam seu conferendam sive presentacionem quamcumque cujuscumque beneficii ecclesiastici, curati vel non curati, de se faciendas acceptandi ; ipsumque dominum Johannem Frank in canonicum et confratrem hujusmodi ecclesie cathedralis vel collegiate admitti petendi, recipiendi et admittendi, hujusmodique collacionis sive presentacionis negocium usque ad finalem expedicionem ejusdem prosequendi, collacionemque, admissionem, institucionem, investituram et induccionem in realem et corporalem possessionem hujusmodi beneficii

ecclesiastici, stallumque in choro et locum in capitulo, si 1409.
hujusmodi beneficio debeatur, sibi assignari, ac se in eisdem installari ac in realem et corporalem possessionem hujusmodi beneficii, cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis, se induci ac curam et administracionem omnium et singulorum bonorum spiritualium et temporalium ejusdem beneficii sibi committi, petendi, recipiendi, optinendi et continuandi; canonicam insuper obedienciam quibuscumque de jure seu consuetudine racione hujusmodi beneficii ecclesiastici sive canonicatus et prebende debitam ac de observando statuta, consuetudines, libertates et observancias quecumque ecclesie cathedrali, collegiate sive metropolitice, in qua hujusmodi beneficium sive canonicatus et prebenda hujusmodi eidem constituenti collatum seu conferendum extiterit, fore contigerit, ac quodcumque aliud juramentum licitum in animam ipsius constituentis, prestandi et jurandi, provocandique et appellandi provocacionumque et appellacionum causas prosequendi, apostolosque petendi et recipiendi, ac protestaciones quascumque debitas faciendi, alium vel alios procuratorem seu procuratores loco eorum et cujuslibet Fol. 27*d*.
eorumdem substituendi, substitutum seu substitutos hujusmodi revocandi, procuratorisque officium in se et eorum quemlibet reassumendi et exercendi quociens et quando eis seu ipsorum alicui videbitur expedire, et generaliter omnia alia et singula faciendi, exercendi et expediendi que in premissis et circa ea necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet opportuna eciam si mandatum magis exigant speciale. Et promisit idem constituens michi notario publico subscripto, vice et nomine omnium et singulorum quorum interest in hac parte stipulanti et recipienti, se ratum, gratum et firmum perpetuis temporibus, habiturum totum et quicquid dicti procuratores sui seu eorum aliquis, substitutus seu substituendus ab eisdem seu eorum aliquo, fecerint seu fecerit in premissis seu aliquo premissorum, sub ypotheca et obligacione omnium bonorum suorum, et exposuit cautiones tunc ibidem. Acta sunt hec prout suprascribuntur et recitantur sub anno, indiccione, pontificatu, mense, die et loco predictis, presentibus discretis viris Benedicto Wycheford et Willelmo Noble, Sarisburiensis et Bathoniensis diocesium, testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Et ego Simon Kempston, clericus Lincolnensis diocesis,

1409. publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius, dictorum procuratorum constitucioni ceterisque premissis, omnibus et singulis, dum sic, ut premittitur, sub anno domini, indiccione, pontificatu, mense die et loco predictis, agerentur et fierent, unacum prenominatis testibus, presens personaliter interfui eaque sic fieri vidi ac audivi, ac aliunde occupatus per alium scribi feci, publicavi et in hanc publicam formam redegi, ac signo et nomine meis consuetis signavi, rogatus atque requisitus, in fidem et testimonium omnium premissorum.

145. May 21. London. The bishop granted forty days of indulgence to all his parishioners giving charitable subsidies of their goods to the hospital of St. Anthony, London.

The letter of indulgence.

146. May 26. Same place. The bishop collated to Sir John Roland, canon of the church of Wells, that canonical house wherein Sir John Bonyngton, late canon there, deceased, dwelt; for such time as he be canon and prebendary there and have not another canonical house in the church beforesaid.

Fol. 28. 147. May 15. Same place. A commission went out to Master Adam Mottrom, precentor of the church of Salisbury, vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, now engaged in distant parts, for an exchange of benefices between Sir John Whittok, rector of the parish church of Warmwell, in the diocese of Salisbury, and Richard Godyngton, rector of the parish church of Chilton Cauntloo, a certificate of which was received in London on May 28 shewing that by authority of that commission the vicar general on 24 May instituted Sir John to the church of Chilton at the presentation of the king, reserving the things required by the commission. The said John swore canonical obedience to the lord bishop and had a letter for his induction.

148. June 5. Same place. The bishop pursuant to a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sir John Gruys, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Haselbere, in the diocese, and William Haukyn, rector of the parish church of Choldecomb, in the diocese of

Exeter, instituted the latter as perpetual vicar of the church of Haselbere; he then took the oath of canonical obedience to the bishop and had letters for his induction; and the said Sir John had a certificate to the bishop of Exeter upon the expedition of the exchange and letters of institution in the church of Choldecombe. 1409.

149. June 15. Same place. Bishop Nicholas received a certificate of Master Adam Mottrom, precentor of the church of Salisbury, vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, shewing that, pursuant to the bishop's commission to him of 17 May for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Launce, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Combe Kaynes, of the diocese of Salisbury, and John Roe, perpetual vicar of Tweverton, he on 20 May instituted Sir William as perpetual vicar of Tweverton, at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Kyngton: and he on 15 June swore obedience to the bishop and had letters for his induction.

150. As above. Commission to require convicted clerks. Fol. 28*d*.

Patent universis per presentes quod nos Nicholaus etc. ad exigendos, recipiendos et admittendos vice et auctoritate nostris, secundum libertatem ecclesiasticam et regni Anglie consuetudinem approbatam, quoscumque clericos et viros ecclesiasticos qui secundum sancciones canonicas gaudere debent privilegio clericali, pro quocumque crimine incarceratos ubicumque in nostris civitatibus et diocesi coram quibuscumque justiciariis domini nostri regis Anglie illustris aut aliis ipsos liberandi habentibus potestatem, ut de eis fiat in foro ecclesiastico quod secundum canonicas sancciones fuerit faciendum dilectis nobis in Christo decano decanatus de Ivelcestre et domino Roberto Toth, rectori ecclesie parochialis Sancti Johannis, Ivelcestre, nostre diocesis, conjunctim et divisim vices nostras committimus per presentes cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate. In cujus rei testimonium etc. Data Londonii etc, ut supra.

151. June 28. London. The bishop received a certificate of his commission to the above vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John

1409. Gloucetre, rector of the parish church of Asshelegh, in the diocese of Salisbury, and Nicholas Baker, rector of the parish church of Hungerfordefarlegh, showing that, by force thereof, he on 24 June instituted Sir John as rector of Hungerfordefarlegh, at the presentation of lady Joan relict of Sir Thomas Hungerford, knight. He this day swore obedience to the bishop and had letters for his induction.

152. As above. A commission went out to John, bishop of Olten, to reconcile the parish church of Corymalet, with the churchyard thereof, and the churchyard of the parish church of Congresbury, polluted by the shedding of blood, in the form written above.

153. June 29. Same place. The bishop licensed Nicholas Bodeway, rector of the first portion of the parish church of Crukern, in respect of non-residence in his benefice for one year.

154. July 22. Same place. He granted to Sir Henry Nansumer, rector of the parish church of Northcadbury a like licence.

155. As above. The bishop collated to Sir John Knyght, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Combe undecima in the church of Wells, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Burnett, and invested him therein.

Fol. 29. 156. July 23. Same place. The bishop, in furtherance of a commission of Philip, bishop of Lincoln, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Bovet, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Congesbury, and John Duffeld, rector of the parish church of Kirkeby upon Bayne, of the diocese of Lincoln, instituted the latter as perpetual vicar of Congesbury of his collation. He swore obedience to the bishop and his ministers and had letters for his induction directed to Master John Tyssebury, commissary general in partibus. Thomas Bovet had letters of institution and a certificate for the bishop of Lincoln.

157. July 29. Same place. The bishop, in furtherance of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange

of benefices between Sirs John Marnhulle, vicar of the parish church of Chatelhampton, of the diocese of Exeter, and John Wynsham, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Combe St. Nicholas of the diocese of Wells, instituted the first named as vicar of Combe St. Nicholas, at the presentation of John Macclesfeld, provost of the church of Wells. John Wynsham had letters of institution and a certificate for the bishop of Exeter. 1409.

158. July 30. Same place. The bishop received a certificate of the vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, aforesaid, showing that pursuant to the former's commission to him of 10 July for an exchange of benefices between Sir John Wakerynges, perpetual vicar of the parish church of St. Michael, Coventry of the diocese of Lichfield, and William Glynn, canon and prebendary of Shaldeford of the diocese of London in the church of Wells, and prebendary of Ludyngton in the conventual church of the nuns of Shaftesbury of the diocese of Salisbury, he on 29 July collated to Sir John the canonry and the prebend of Shaldeford. He swore obedience and had letters of installation to the president and chapter. And on 7 August a letter went out to the bishop of London for his induction into the corps of the prebend.

159. Aug. 3. Same place. Mandate to the president of the chapter to a visitation. Fol. 29*d*.

Nicholaus etc dilecto in Christo filio decano ecclesie nostre Wellensis seu ipso in remotis agente ejusdem loci presidenti capitulo salutem etc. Urget nos suscepti regiminis cura ut in subditorum nostrorum tam in clero quam in populo corrigendis excessibus eorumque moribus reformandis eo diligencius insistamus quo sanguinem eorum in examine stricti judicii propter necligenciam premissorum requiri de nostris manibus formidamus. Cum igitur ex injuncto nobis officio diocesim nostram, Domino disponente, in caritate and mansuetidine proponimus visitare et gracia hujusmodi visitacionis secundum juris exigenciam inchoande, exercende et continuande ad ecclesias nostras nostras cathedrales Bathoniensem et Wellensem quas odore precipuo optamus fragrescere declinare intendimus ad ecclesiam

1409. Wellensem die Lune proximo post festum Exaltacionis Crucis proximo jam futurum nostre visitacionis officium salubriter favente Deo Altissimo impensuri, vos tenore presencium premunimus et peremptorie citamus ac per vos personas omnium et singulorum de capitulo et ecclesia nostra Wellensi predicta qui hujusmodi visitacionem nostram subire tenentur peremptorie citari volumus et mandamus quod compareatis et compareant coram nobis dicto die, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum, si oporteat, tunc sequencium, in domo capitulari ecclesie nostre Wellensis antedicte visitacionem nostram, prout decet, subituri omniaque alia et singula facturi et recepturi que in hujusmodi visitacionis negocio necessaria fuerint seu eciam opportuna. De die vero recepcionis presencium et quid feceritis in premissis ac duxeritis faciendum nos dictis die et loco per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes unacum nominibus citatorum in quadam cedula vestro certificatorio annectanda conscriptis reddatis distincte et aperte certiores. Data in manerio nostro de Dogmersfeld etc. ut supra.

Consimile mandatum citatorium cum clausula inhibitoria in talibus fieri consueta emanavit priori ecclesie cathedralis Bathoniensis mutatis mutandis etc. ut subsequitur, Nicholaus etc. dilecto in Christo filio dompno Johanni priori prioratus ecclesie nostre cathedralis Bathoniensis, salutem etc. Urget nos suscepti regiminis cura etc ut supra usque ibi Declinare ecclesiam nostram videlicet Bathoniensem die tali etc. in domo capitulari ejusdem nostre visitacionis officium salubriter impensuri, vos tenore presencium premunimus et peremptorie citamus ac per vos omnes et singulos confratres et commonachos vestros ecclesie nostre predicte peremptorie citari volumus et mandamus quod compareatis et compareant personaliter coram nobis dictis die et loco cum continuacione etc. visitacionem nostram ordinariam prout decet subituri canonicamque obedienciam nobis et commissariis nostris sive ministris in forma juris prestituri, titulum eciam dignitatis vestre necnon literas et munimenta quecumque dictam ecclesiam nostram ac beneficia eidem pertinencia concernencia exhibituri ac veras copias eorumdem penes registrarium nostrum dimissuri, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi quod hujusmodi visitacionis qualitas exigit et natura. Vobis eciam tenore presencium inhibemus ne, pendente visitacione nostra hujus-

modi quicquam in ipsius visitacionis nostre prejudicium 1409.
attemptetis seu faciatis aliqualiter attemptari. De diebus etc.

Sub consimili forma, mutatis mutandis, emanarunt litere singulis abbatibus et prioribus conventus sub se habentibus infra diocesim constitutis, abbatibus et prioribus exemptis, videlicet abbate de Clyva et priore de Mountagu dumtaxat exceptis etc. Eisdem die, anno, mense et loco quibus supra, emanarunt Fol. 30.
mandata singulis archidiaconis dicte diocesis videlicet Wellensi, Bathoniensi et Tantoniensi sub forma subsequenti. Nicholaus etc dilecto in Christo filio archidiacono nostro etc seu ejus officiali, salutem etc.

160. Aug. 10. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Robert Gervays, priest, as rector of the parish church of Treburgh, at the presentation of Roger Helyer.

161. Aug. 14. Dogmersfeld. The bishop, pursuant to a commission of Richard, bishop of London, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Richard Gery, rector of the parish church of Langford, of the diocese of London, and Robert Wayte, rector of the parish church of Telesford, instituted Sir Richard as rector of Telesford at the presentation of Sir John Typtot, knight.

162. Aug. 17. Same place. On receipt of a certificate of Fol. 30*d.*
the aforesaid vicar general of the bishop of Salisbury, touching the execution of a commission directed to him on 4 July showing that according to that commission he on 8 July instituted Sir John Bridport rector of the parish church of Seynlo, in exchange for the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Preschute of the dioces of Salisbury, at the presentation of lady Margaret Courtenay, lady of Newton aforesaid, Sir John swore obedience to the bishop and had letters for his induction.

163. Aug. 22. Same place. The bishop directed a commission to John, bishop of Llandaff, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Ieuan, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Colwynyston of the diocese of Llandaff, and John Lange, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Stokegommer, and on 4 September a certificate of Master Thomas Orewell, vicar

1409. general of the latter bishop, was received, showing that on 29 August he instituted Sir William as perpetual vicar of Stokegommer, at the presentation of Master Richard Harewell, canon of Wells and farmer of the farm of Stokegommer. On view of this, Sir William swore obedience to bishop Nicholas and had letters for his induction.

164. Sept. 11. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir John Masoun as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Portbury, vacant by the death of Sir John Walteres, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

165. Sept. 16. Same place. On receipt of a commission of Henry, bishop of Winchester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Walter Wylmote, rector of the parish church of Wortyng of his diocese, and John Iford, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Forde, bishop Nicholas instituted Sir Walter in the church of Forde, at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

Fol. 31. 166. Sept. 25. Banewell. The bishop granted to Master John Parys, rector of the parish church of Lympesham, licence of non-residence for one year, attending schools.

167. Sept. 26. Same place. He granted licence for Thomas Rede of Bristol to have divine offices celebrated in his presence in his oratory within his dwelling-place at Bristol; for one year.

168. Sept. 29. Keynesham. The bishop instituted Sir John Knyght, priest, as rector of the parish church of Shepton Beauchamp; at the presentation of Robert Seymour, esquire.

He also instituted Sir William Dangevile, priest, in the person of Thomas Haneye, clerk, his proctor, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Stowey by Chieu of his own collation, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Prentys. The proctor swore obedience and had letters to induct directed to Master John Tyssebury, official of the peculiar jurisdiction of Chieu.

169. As above. He also instituted Robert Seynee as perpetual chaplain of a chantry at the altar of St. Nicholas in the chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr in the suburb of Bristol,

newly founded for the souls of Robert Shepe, late burgess of the town, and Agnes, his wife, at the presentation of William Thamworth, clerk, Bernard Mulleward, Robert Shepherd and Thomas Butyler. It was commanded to Master Richard Bruton, clerk, to induct him. 1409.

170. Oct. 1. Same place. The bishop committed to Master Nigel Hamme, rector of the parish church of Kyngeston Seymour, and Sir William, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Bedmynstre and Redeclyff by Bristol, to make inquisition by sworn witnesses upon a dilapidation and other defects of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bristol, and of and upon some articles annexed to the presents concerning the said house or hospital committing to them his powers with the power of every canonical coercion.

171. Oct. 3. Bath. The bishop licensed the four orders of mendicant friars to preach everywhere in the diocese at suitable places and times in this form;—Nicholaus etc. Universis et singulis rectoribus, vicariis, capellanis, curatis et non curatis, infra nostras civitates et diocesim ubilibet constitutis, salutem etc. Cum predicacioni Verbi Dei salubriter intendere opus meritorium existat quo fructus uberior in ecclesia Dei pro catholice fidei firmitate sine qua non est salus dinoscitur provenire, volumus igitur et mandamus quatinus dilectos nobis in Christo fratres de quatuor ordinibus mendicancium nostre diocesis, cum ad ecclesias vestras ad predicandum Verbum Dei pervenerint, favorabiliter admittatis ac ipsos clero et populo curis vestris commissis modo consueto predicare et Verbum Dei proponere more actenus consueto ac solito permittatis. In cujus rei etc. Data etc. ut supra. Fol. 31*d.*

172. Oct. 4. Badecombe. The bishop, by right devolving to him legally, collated Sir Walter Muskam, priest, to the church of Sokdenys, and instituted him as rector therein.

173. Same day. Bruton. He collated to Sir Michael Caruebon, priest, to the parish church of Laverton of his collation, vacant by the death of Sir John Bretton; and instituted the said Sir Michael as rector therein.

1409. 174. Oct. 6. The bishop in furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Evynton, rector of the parish church of Stoke super Mare, and William Wittewell, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Clyvedon, instituted the former in the church of Clyvedon at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol; and the latter in the church of Stoke, at the presentation of Sir Thomas, lord of Berkeley.

175. Nov. 5. Woky. The bishop committed to Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells, his powers to postpone the business of his visitation begun in the church of Wells until Wednesday after the feast of St. John the Baptist next, because he will not be able to attend to this in person: and he has directed his letters thereof to him as is contained in the register of visitations.

Fol. 32. 176. As above. Commission to the same as follows;—

Nicholaus etc salutem etc. Ad absolvendum in debita juris forma dominum Johannem Evynton, vicarium perpetuum ecclesie parochialis de Clyvedon, a sentencia excommunicacionis majoris in eum propter suam contumaciam auctoritate nostra lata ac penitenciam pro sua contumacia hujusmodi sibi injungendam salutarem, necnon negocium permutacionis de dicta vicaria cum ecclesia parochiale de Fydyngton quam dominus Willelmus Touker nunc optinet legitime faciendum audiendum et examinandum et causas ejusdem et negocium predictum discuciendas ipsisque causis veris et legitimis inventis approbandas easdem eorumque resignaciones hinc inde de beneficiis suis predictis ex causa hujusmodi recipiendas et admittendas prefatumque dominum Johannem ad dictam ecclesiam de Fydyngton et dictum dominum Willelmum ad prefatam vicariam de Clyvedon ad presentaciones verorum patronorum earumdem in forma juris admittendos et canonice instituendos in eisdem, ceteraque omnia et singula, cum potestate induci demandandi eosdem, facienda, exercenda et expedienda que in hujusmodi permutacionis negocio necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet opportuna, vobis de cujus fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria plene confidimus vices nostras committimus

per presentes mandantes quatinus de omni eo quod factum 1409.
fuerit in premissis, dicto negocio expedito, nos certificetis literis vestris etc. Data etc. ut supra.

Nov. 12. Wells. The aforesaid absolved Sir John Evynton from the sentence of the greater excommunication judicially incurred by him for contumacy before bishop Nicholas and enjoined on him a salutary penance for such contumacy. He also set forward the above exchange of benefices and instituted him as rector of Fydyngton at the presentation of Robert Hulle, esquire, and the said Sir William as perpetual vicar of Clyvedon, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

177. Nov. 21. London. In furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Master John Pederton, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Yatton, and Sir Henry Hylacre, rector of the parish church of Chipstaple, the bishop instituted the former in the church of Chipstaple at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchelney, and the latter in the church of Yatton, Fol. 32*d.*
at the presentation of Sir John Macworth, clerk, canon and prebendary of Yatton in the church of Wells.

178. Dec. 11. Wells. The aforesaid Master Richard Bruton, the bishop's commissary for this, after receiving a certificate of an inquisition taken upon the right of presentation, instituted Sir Robert Daldyche, priest, in the person of Hugh Poghulle, literate, his proctor, as rector of the parish church of Corston, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Wyot; at the presentation of James Ammarle, John Pole, Robert Maynard and Thomas Hurtescote, patrons for this turn.

179. Acquittance by Richard Brynkele, dean of the church of St. Mary le Bow, London, and John Perche, registrar of the court of Canterbury, receivers of the subsidy of 4*d.* of the pound lately granted by the convocation of the province of Canterbury for the union etc., to bishop Nicholas for 13 marks 10*s.* 10*d.*, for his temporalities received this day by the hands of Master John Shirford. Dated at London 21 May, 1409.

1409. 180. Dec. 15. Dogmersfeld. The bishop collated to Sir John Roland, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Combe tercia in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Wybbe, and invested him in the person of Thomas Shelford, clerk, his proctor, in the same by delivery of his biretta.

181. Dec. 20. Banewell. The bishop received a certificate of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, upon the execution of a commission to the latter dated 29 November last for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Roger Holford, rector of the parish church of Wyttenham, of his diocese, and John Corbyn, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Dunster, showing that
Fol. 33. on 2 December he instituted Sir Roger in the vicarage of Dunster; and Sir Roger then took the oath of obedience and had letters for his induction.

182. Dec. 21. Banewell. By authority of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Wodeborn, rector of the parish church of Waysshfeld, of the diocese of Exeter, and John Halys *alias* Sparwe, rector of the parish church of Brysshford, the bishop instituted Sir William as rector of Brysshford, at the presentation of Thomas Chippelegh, patron for this turn as has been found by inquisition.

183. Dec. 30. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Thomas Hornblowton, chaplain, in the priory of Burcle in Spraulesmede, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, patrons of the priory as was proved by a testimonial letter found in the register of Ralph de Salopia, some time bishop of Bath, sealed with the seal of John Harewell, late bishop. The prior took the oath of obedience and had letters to the guardian of the jurisdiction of Glastonbury to induct him.

184. Jan. 3, 1410. Banewell. On receipt of a certificate of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, upon a commission made to him on 21 November last for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Grenelane, rector of the parish church of Ofton Richer of his diocese, and John Blyton, rector of the parish

church of Writelyngton, that he had instituted the former as rector of Wrytelyngton, at the presentation of Sir John Wakeryng, canon and prebendary of the prebend of Fordyngton and Wrytelyngton, in the cathedral church of Salisbury, bishop Nicholas received the obedience of the same John and commanded the archdeacon of Bath to induct him. 1410.

185. Jan. 8. Banewell. The bishop received a writ of the king, dated at Westminster, 18 December, 11 Henry IV, notifying that the place of meeting of the Parliament summoned at Bristol on the quinzaine of Hilary next, was changed to Westminster; and summoning him to be there on that date. [*Dugdale, Summons to Parliament*, pp. 380–383.] Fol. 33*d*.

Subsequenterque dictis die et loco emanarunt mandata decano ecclesie Wellensis priori ecclesie Bathoniensis ac singulis archidiaconis diocesis videlicet Wellensi, Bathoniensi, Tantoniensi et Glastoniensi pro execucione brevis supradicti sub hac forma;—Nicholaus etc. salutem etc. Breve domini nostri regis etc. recepimus ut supra. Hujus autem brevis pretextu vos premunimus ac per vos universos et singulos abbates et priores totumque clerum vestri archidiaconatus predicti premuniri volumus et mandamus quod vos personaliter dictusque clerus ejusdem archidiaconatus unacum toto clero nostre diocesis predicte per duos procuratores ydoneos die et loco in dicto brevi contentis in Parliamento predicto intersitis et intersint prout natura dicti brevis exigit et requirit. Data etc.

186. Jan. 12. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Robert Welford, priest, as rector of the parish church of Spekyngton, at the presentation of Robert, lord of Ponynges, knight, patron as has been found by inquisition.

187. Same day and place. He instituted Sir Thomas Bose, priest, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry of the Holy Ghost, Cherleton Adam, at the presentation of Nicholas Poulet, esquire, patron as found by inquisition.

188. Same day and place. The bishop collated to Master John Tyssebury, bachelor in laws, a canonry and the prebend of Milverton secunda in the church of Wells, vacant by the Fol. 34.

1410. death of Sir John Grene, and invested him as canon and prebendary by delivery of his biretta.

189. Same day and place. He collated to Thomas Shelford a canonry and the prebend of Wermynstre *alias* Luxvile in the same church, vacant by the death of Master Walter Wyncaulton, etc. (*as above*).

190. Same day and place. He collated to Sir Henry Mory, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Wedmor secunda in the same church and invested him &c.

191. Same day and place. He collated to Master Henry Abyndon, professor of theology, a canonry and the prebend of Wedmor quarta in the same &c.

192. The same day, in the chapter house of Wells. The bishop instituted Master Thomas Frome, canon of the said church, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Burnham, vacant by the death of John Jene; at the presentation of the dean and chapter.

[Note in the margin] Hic staret commissio subscripta ad cognoscendum super compotus in visitacione domini.

193. Jan. 20. London. In furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Turtok, perpetual vicar of the parish and prebendal church of Eston in Gordano, and Richard Batte, perpetual vicar of the parish and prebendal church of Compton Dunden, of Sir Thomas in the vicarage of Compton Dunden, at the presentation of Master Roger Harewell, canon and prebendary of Compton aforesaid in the church of Wells, and of the latter in the vicarage of Eston in Gordano, at the presentation of Walter Dulbeare, canon and prebendary of Eston aforesaid.

194. Nicholaus etc. dilectis in Christo filiis et confratribus nostris Magistro Ricardo Bruton, cancellario, et Johanni Tyssebury, canonico, ecclesie nostre Wellensis predicte, salutem, etc. Ad audienda, discucienda legitime et fine debito terminanda causas, lites et negocia quecumque quorumcumque subditorum nostrorum in visitacione nostra ordinaria nuper in nostris

civitatibus et diocesi per nos actualiter exercita qualitercumque 1410.
comperta et delata, mota seu movenda, ex officio nostro mero, mixto seu promoto, aut ad partis sive partium instanciam seu instancias; corrigenda quoque et punienda canonice, juxta comperta hujusmodi, eorumdem subditorum nostrorum crimina defectus, excessus et delicta, ac causas seu querelas occasione eorumdem motas seu movendas audiendas, discuciendas et fine debito terminandas, crimo omnia alia et singula facienda, exercenda et expedienda que premissorum seu alicujus eorumdem natura seu qualitas exigit quomodolibet vel requirit, eciamsi mandatum exigant magis speciale, vobis, de quorum fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria plene confidimus, conjunctim et divisim vices nostras committimus per presentes, cum cujuslibet coercionis canonice et exequendi que in hac parte decreveritis potestate. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Data in palacio nostro Wellensi xij^{mo} die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} nono et nostre translacionis anno secundo.

195. Jan. 27. Same place. The bishop instituted William Fol. 34*d*.
Cervyngton, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Whatelegh, vacant by the death of Sir John Grene; at the presentation of Oliver Cervyngton, esquire.

196. Same day and place. The bishop received a letter of Richard, bishop of London, dated in his manor of Hadham, 20 January, 1409–10, reciting a letter of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, dated at Dartford, 12 January, setting out a writ of the king to him, dated at Eltham, 3 January, 11 Henry IV, to summon the convocation of his province to meet at St. Paul's, London, or elsewhere, on 15 February, and commanding him to summon the same at St. Paul's for the said 17 February (*sic*) Fol. 35.
and following days; and citing him to appear accordingly and to execute the king's mandate in his diocese, duly certifying the archbishop or his locum tenentes or commissaries of the execution of the same.

Vicesimo octavo die ejusdem mensis proximo supradicti apud Londonium. Dictus revendus pater literas et mandatum supradicta decano Wellensi, priori Bathoniensi, archidiaconis

1410. Wellensi, Bathoniensi et Tantoniensi ac abbati Glastoniensi sub hac forma singulis eorum, mutatis mutandis, demandavit debite exequenda ;—Nicholaus etc. mandatum etc Thome, Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi etc, de quo vobis constabit ad plenum pro loco et tempore opportunis, recepimus continens in effectu quod singulos decanos, abbates, priores conventus sub se habentes, archidiaconos aliosque ecclesiarum prelatos, exemptos et non exemptos, capitula, collegia et clerum tocius nostre diocesis, ad comparendos coram eodem reverendissimo patre vel ejus locumtenentibus seu commissariis in hac parte xvij^mo^ die mensis Februarii proximo futuro in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensis, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum, si oporteat, tunc sequencium et locorum, super quibusdam negociis arduis et urgentibus statum et defensionem ac utilitatem regni et ecclesie Anglicanorum concernentibus cum dicto patre et ceteris suis suffraganeis tractaturos faciamus sub forma que sequitur evocari, ita videlicet ut decanus et prior ecclesiarum nostrarum cathedralium, abbatesque et priores conventus sub se habentes, archidiaconi quoque et alii ecclesiarum prelati personaliter, capitula vero, collegia et conventus, quodlibet eorum
Fol. 35*d*. per unum procuratorem idoneum, reliquusque clerus dicte nostre diocesis per duos procuratores sufficientes, compareant die et loco predictis cum continacione etc. coram reverendissimo patre predicto seu ejus commissariis sive locumtenentibus in hac parte si eum impediri tunc contigerit (quod absit) super negociis antedictis efficaciter tractaturi et super tractatus hujusmodi et conjunctim ordinandis ibidem suum consensum, Deo propicio, prestituri, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi quod dicte convocacionis negocium exigit et requirit. Vobis, igitur, in virtute obediencie committimus et mandamus, ac nichilominus peremptorie vos citamus quatinus dicto mandato, quatenus ad vos attinet, efficaciter pareatis ipsumque mandatum quoad capitulum dicte ecclesie nostre totumque clerum vestre jurisdiccionis decanalis (vel sic quoad singulos abbates et priores conventus sub se habentes infra ambitum archidiaconatus vestri predicti constitutos totumque clerum ejusdem archidiaconatus) debite exequamini cum effectu, dictosque abbates et priores, totumque clerum predictum citetis seu citari faciatis peremptorie quod compareant, dicti videlicet

abbates et priores personaliter, clerusque predictus unacum toto 1410.
clero dicte nostre diocesis per duos procuratores sufficientes, ut prefertur, diebus et loco predictis juxta vim formam et effectum mandati supradicti. Et quid feceritis nos citra xx^{mum} diem prefati mensis Februarii proximo futurum unacum nominibus citatorum in cedula separata vestris literis certificatoriis annectanda necnon de modo et forma citacionis vestre, certificetis literis vestris etc. Data etc ut supra.

197. Eisdem die mense et loco quibus supra. Idem reverendus pater, recepta presentacione honesti viri Oliveri de Cervyngton, armigeri, ad cantariam de Whatelegh, commisit Magistro Johanni Tyssebury, commissario in partibus generali, ad inquirendum in pleno loci capitulo, vocatis vocandis, super vacacione dicte cantarie ac jure presentantis meritisque persone presentate et aliis articulis debitis et consuetis, et ad certificandum de facto suo etc. cum potestate admittendi, instituendi et induci demandandi personam presentatam ad eandem, si inquisicio faciat in hac parte. Qui quidem Magister Johannes Tyssebury auctoritate sibi in hac parte commissa, super omnibus et singulis articulis, in dicta commissione contentis in forma juris inquisivit; que quidem inquisicio tam pro jure presentantis quam meritis domini Willelmi Ayleward, persone presentate ad eandem in omnibus sufficienter faciebat ipsumque dominum Willelmum Ayleward ad presentacionem dicti Oliveri Cervyngton, veri patroni ejusdem, quinto decimo die mensis Februarii apud Frome, auctoritate dicti reverendi patris sibi commissa, admisit et ipsum capellanum perpetuum cum suis juribus etc. juxta formam fundacionis ejusdem fideliter deserviturum juratum, instituit canonice in eadem, juribus etc. eundemque Willelmum, prestita primitus per eundem canonica obediencia, ut in forma, per archidiaconum Wellensem seu ejus officialem decrevit et mandavit fore inducendum, ut est moris, prout per literas certificatorias prefati Johannis dicto reverendi patri inde transmissas evidenter apparet etc.

198. Pluries writ of the king to bishop Nicholas to levy of the goods of Walter Aymer, the bishop's clerk, 40 marks recovered against him by Henry Colbach, clerk, before the

1410. justices at Westminster and 20 marks adjudged to him for his damages, whereof he was convicted by a jury on the octaves of Trinity, 9 Henry IV, and have them before the said justices at Westminster a month after Easter, and in respect of which the sheriff of Kent sent to the justices at another time. Walter is a clerk beneficed in the diocese of Bath and Wells. Witness W. Thirnyng at Westminster 12 February, 11 Henry IV.

Return.—The clerk within written is not beneficed nor has he ecclesiastical goods in the diocese of which execution of the writ can be made.

Fol. 36. 199. Feb. 17. London. The bishop received a certificate of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, upon the execution of a commission directed to him on 14 February for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Henry Turpyn, rector of the parish church of Sylton of his diocese, and John Hullard, rector of the parish church of Prysshton, that on 17 February he instituted Sir Henry in the church of Prysshton, at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath, and he took the oath of obedience and had a mandate for his induction.

200. Feb. 20. Same place. The bishop granted to Sir Thomas Harlynges, rector of the parish church of Yevele, licence of non-residence for one year, attending in the service of the earl of Arundel.

201. Feb. 22. Same place. Forma certificatorii super mandato archiepiscopi pro convocacione.

Emanavit certificatorium super execucione mandati Thome, Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, pro convocacione cleri Cantuariensis provincie et presertim diocesis Bathoniensis et Wellensis, sub hac forma verborum;—Reverendissimo etc Nicholaus etc obedienciam, reverenciam et honorem debitum tanto patri. Literas reverendi etc Ricardi, Dei gracia Londoniensis episcopi, mandatum vestrum reverendum in se continentes, xxvij^{mo} die mensis Januarii proximo preterito recepimus, ut supra. Cujus auctoritate mandati decanum ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis ac priorem ecclesie nostre cathedralis Bathoniensis ac capitula earumdem ecclesiarum omnesque alios abbates et priores conventus sub se habentes, archidiaconos quoque et

alios ecclesiarum prelatos, exemptos et non exemptos, quos- 1410.
cumque dicte nostre diocesis qui a tempore recepcionis literarum predictarum per nos aut nostros potuerunt inveniri, aceciam conventus, collegia et clerum ejusdem nostre diocesis citari fecimus juxta vim, formam et effectum, mandati supradicti. Nosque eidem mandato paruimus et parebimus cum effectu reverenter, ut tenemur. Nomina vero citatorum hujusmodi continet cedula hiis annexa. Data etc.

Forma cedule eidem annexe.

Nomina citatorum in diocesi Bathoniensi et Wellensi.

Decanus ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis. Capitulum ejusdem.

Prior ecclesie nostre cathedralis Bathoniensis. Capitulum ejusdem.

Abbas Glastonie. Conventus ejusdem.

In archidiaconatu Wellensi.

Archidiaconus ibidem. Abbas de Muchelney. Abbas de Athelney. Prior de Bruton. Prior de Monte Acuto.

In archidiaconatu Bathoniensi. Fol. 36*d*.

Archidiaconus ibidem. Abbas de Keynesham.

In archidiaconatu Tantoniensi.

Archidiaconus ibidem. Prior ibidem. Abbas de Clyva.

202. Feb. 26. London. The bishop granted an indulgence of forty days to all his parishioners who to the hospital of St. Anthony of the diocese of Vienne &c as above (No. 145); for one year.

203. Feb. 28. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Robert Lovecok, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Swelle, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas More; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

204. As above. He granted to Master William Penbygyll, master in Arts, rector of the parish church of Clutton, licence to preach the Word of God in due places everywhere in the diocese.

205. March 8. Same place. He collated to Thomas Bubbewyth, clerk, a canonry and the prebend of St. Decumans

1410. in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master Ralph Ergum ; and invested him in the same.

206. As above. The bishop, pursuant to a commission of Philip, bishop of Lincoln, for an exchange of benefices between Sir John Lokhawe, rector of the parish church of Toucestre, of the diocese of Lincoln, and Master Richard de Brynkele, rector of the parish church of Wroxhale, instituted Sir John in the church of Wroxhale, at the presentation of Thomas Norton, esquire.

207. March 9. Same place. The bishop granted to William Comelond, acolyte of his diocese, letters dimissory to all holy orders from any catholic bishop titled in the realm, provided that there be no canonical impediment.

208. March 10. Same place. On receipt of a certificate of R. bishop of Salisbury, upon the bishop's commission to him for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Nicholas Sterre, rector of the parish church of Staunton St. Quintin of the diocese of Salisbury, and John Taillour, perpetual vicar of the
Fol. 37. parish church of Staunton Drew, that he has instituted Sir Nicholas in the latter church at the presentation of Master Richard [*sic*] Harewell, archdeacon of Bath, the bishop received the canonical obedience of the said Nicholas and commanded the said archdeacon to induct him.

209. March 11. Same place. The bishop instituted Thomas Sneynton, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Sandefordbrit, at the presentation of Master Richard Courtenay, clerk, lord of the manor of Sandefordbrit.

210. Supplicacio ad eligendum priorem hospitalis sancti Johannis Wellie.

Reverendo etc Nicholao, Dei gracia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo, vestri humiles et devoti filii frater Ricardus Moxham, senior confrater hospitalis vestri Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Wellie, ac omnes et singuli fratres ejusdem hospitalis, obedienciam et omnimodam reverenciam debitam tanto patri. Cum prioratus hospitalis vestri predicti per mortem bone memorie

fratris Johannis Typpe, ultimi prioris ejusdem jam vacat, ne 1410.
prioratus predictus diu maneat prioris solacio destitutus, ad petendam a vestra paternitate reverenda licenciam eligendi nobis et hospitali predicto priorem futurum juxta consuetudinem hospitalis predicti dilectum in Christo confratrem nostrum, fratrem Johannem Bartlot, presencium exhibitorem vestre paternitati reverende transmittimus, supplicantes humiliter et devote, juxta consuetam libertatis clemenciam et hospitalis vestri predicti consuetudinem, licenciam eligendi nobis priorem futurum ut dominus noster et patronus concedere dignemini favorabiliter et benigne. In cujus, etc. Data in domo nostra capitulari hospitalis predicti, xij die mensis Marcii, 1409-10.

Licencia eligendi priorem supradictum. Nicholaus etc. ac patronus hospitalis nostri Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Wellie, dilectis etc. salutem etc. Accedens ad nos frater Johannes Bartlot, confrater hospitalis predicti, nobis ex parte vestra, humiliter supplicavit [ut supra]. Nos vero qui vacacionem hujusmodi propter raciones multiplices et motiva anxie gerimus, nec est mirum, volentes, prout de jure astringimur et tenemur, vestre condescendere voluntati licenciam hujusmodi, juxta formam supplicacionis, ut premittitur, nobis facte, graciose duximus concedendam, vobis in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatinus talem vobis et hospitali prenotato in priorem, Deum pre oculis habentes, eligere studeatis qui Deo devotus ecclesie necessarius regimini nobisque et ecclesiis nostris predictis existat utilis et fidelis. In cujus etc. Data in hospicio nostro Londonii xvij^{mo} die mensis Marcii, anno domini etc.

SEQUITUR ANNUS DOMINI MILLESIMUS CCCC^{mus} DECIMUS ET TRANSLACIONIS DICTI REVERENDI PATRIS ANNUS TERCIUS.

211. April 9, 1410. London. The bishop collated to Sir Fol. 37*d.*
John Roland, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Bokelond Denham in the church of Wells; and invested him in the same.

212. April 10. Same place. He collated to Walter Shiryngton, clerk, a canonry and the prebend of Combe

1410. tercia in the said church vacant by the resignation of Sir John Roland.

213. April 11. Same place. The bishop received letters of the president and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells, dated in their chapter house, 3 April, 1410, sending to him Masters Thomas Frome and John Orum, canons of their church, to pray for licence to elect a dean in the room of Thomas Stanley, deceased.

Forma licencie concesse ad eligendum.

Nicholaus etc dilectis etc capitulo ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis salutem etc. Porrectis nobis ex parte vestra literis humiliter supplicastis quod decanatum ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis, per mortem venerabilis viri domini Thome Stanley ultimi decani vestri jam vacantem, vobis ad quos eleccio ipsius decani pertinere dinoscitur eligendi licenciam concedere dignaremur. Attendentes vero dicti decanatus diutinam vacacionem ipsi ecclesie nostre fore periculosam et inutilem volentesque justis peticionibus vestris annuere, ut tenemur, vobis eligendi decanum licenciam concedinus per presentes. Data Londonii xij^{mo} die mensis Aprilis 1410 et nostre translacionis anno tercio.

214. April 16. Same place. The bishop collated to Thomas Shelford a canonry and the prebend of Doultyngcote in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master Robert Rigge.

215. April 17. Same place. He collated to Sir Richard Gabriell, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Wermynstre *alias*
Fol. 38. Luxvile of the diocese of Salisbury, in the same church. He took the oath of obedience and had letters to the president and chapter to install him and to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to induct him into the corps of the prebend.

216. April 28. Same place. By a certificate of Master John Tyssebury, the bishop's commissary general, upon the bishop's commission to him to make inquisition touching the vacancy of the free chapel of Lytescary, to which Sir Thomas atte Lee had been presented to him by Edmund Lyte, esquire, and if the inquisition made for this to admit the said presentee,

received on 30 May, it appeared that, pursuant thereto he, on 28 May, instituted him as perpetual chaplain of the said chapel. The presentee has taken the oath of obedience and has letters for his induction. 1410.

217. May 10. Same place. By force of a commission of Edmund, bishop of [Exeter], for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Morehay, rector of the parish church of Ipplepenne, of the diocese of Exeter, and Richard Gabriell, canon and prebendary of Wermynstre *alias* Luxvile of the diocese of Salisbury, in the church of Wells, the bishop collated to Sir the said canonry and prebend and invested him in the same. He had letters to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to induct him into the corps of the prebend.

218. May 12. Same place. The bishop collated to Master John Hody, bachelor in laws, the precentorship in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master Ralph Erghum, and invested him therein by delivery of his biretta. He had the usual letters for his instalment directed to the president and chapter, the deanery being vacant and the sub-dean absent.

219. May 13. Dogmersfeld. The bishop committed to his commissary general Master John Tyssebury, to make inquisition upon the vacancy of the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Cherlton Camvyle, to which Sir John Prownce, priest, had been presented to him by the prior and convent of St. Mary's, Kenilleworth, of the diocese of Lichfield, and the right of the presenters and the presentee, and to admit the latter into the church if the inquisition made for this; and on 20 May a certificate was returned that the commissary general at Wells, on 20 May, instituted the said Sir John as perpetual vicar of the said church as above. And upon this he has had letters for his induction. Fol. 38*d*.

220. May 14. Same place. The bishop granted to John Hobbes and Richard Mason, sub-deacons of his diocese, letters dimissory to the order of the diaconate only.

221. May 15. He granted to William Oke, sub-deacon, like letters.

1410. 222. Commissio ad continuandam visitacionem.

Nicholaus etc dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Ricardo Bruton, ecclesie nostre Wellensis cancellario, salutem etc. Licet nos visitacionem nostram ordinariam in ecclesia nostra cathedrali Wellensi nuper inchoatam ex certis causis legitimis usque ad proximum diem juridicum proximo post festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste duxerimus continuandam, variis tamen et arduis negociis prepediti quominus ad diem limitatum presenciam nostram adhibere possimus, ut optamus, ad continuandam et prorogandum dictam visitacionem nostram ad proximum diem juridicum post festum Translacionis Sancti Thome Martyris proximo futurum, vobis de cujus fidelitate plene confidimus committimus vices nostras. Et quid feceritis in premissis nos opportuno tempore reddatis debite certiores. Data in manerio nostro de Dogmersfeld, xx^mo^ die mensis Maii, 1410, etc.

223. Commissio ad cognoscendum in negocio inquisicionis hospitalis.

Nicholaus etc dilectis nobis in Christo Magistris Johanni Ovyngham, Roberto Keton et Johanni Stokes, legum doctoribus, salutem etc. Ad cognoscendum et procedendum in causa seu negocio inquisicionis de et super dilapidacione, consumpcione et aliis excessibus fratris Johannis Seyntpoull, magistrum seu custodem domus sive hospitalis Sancti Johannis, Bristolli, nostre diocesis, se dicentis, ipsamque causam et negocium juxta modum et formam submissionis ipsius fratris Johannis alias per eum facte et habite et aliorum retroactorum in eisdem causa et negocio cum suis incidentibus, dependentibus,
Fol. 39. emergentibus et connexis discucienda et fine debito terminanda, vobis, conjunctim et divisim, de quorum fidelitate et circumpeccionis industria plene confidimus, committimus vices nostras, cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate, donec eas ad nos duxerimus revocandas. In cujus etc. Data in hospicio nostro Londonii xx^mo^ die Maii 1410 etc.

224. May 30. London. The bishop, in furtherance of a commission of Richard, bishop of Rochester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Walter Olney, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Horton, of his diocese, and John Grenelane,

rector of the parish church of Wrytelyngton, instituted Sir Walter as rector of the church of Wrytelyngton, at the presentation of Sir John Wakeryng, canon and prebendary of the prebend of Fordyngton and Wrytelyngton in the church of Salisbury. 1410.

225. June 5. London. The bishop furthered an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Brysnyng, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Chilterne Dommer, and William Launce, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Twyforton, and instituted Sir Thomas as vicar of Twyforton at the presentation of Christine, prioress, and the convent of Kyngton of the diocese of Salisbury, and Sir William as vicar of Chilterne Dommer, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

226. June 29. Same place. The bishop collated to William Spaldyngton, clerk, a canonry and the prebend of Whitchurch in the church of Wells, vacant by the resignation of Master Richard Courtenay; and invested him in the person of Thomas Shelford, clerk, his proctor, in the same. The proctor took the oath of obedience and had letters of induction to the dean and chapter.

227. June 29. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Stephen Oke, priest, as perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Barton, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Ode; at the presentation of Master Walter Medford, canon and prebendary of the prebend of Barton aforesaid in the church of Wells. Fol. 39*d*.

228. July 8. Same place. A presentation having been made to the bishop by Sir John Penneford, chaplain, of Nicholas Hulle to the parish church of Aysshbrytell, he committed to Master John Tyssebury, his commissary general, to make inquisition touching the vacancy of the church, the right of the presenter and the presentee, and other articles required in that behalf and to institute and demand the induction of the presentee if the inquisition made for this, and on 4 August a certificate was returned at London that, after inquisition, he had instituted the presentee as rector of the said church.

1410. 229. July 10. Woky. The bishop presented Sir Robert Scoyte, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Stokelond Gaunt; at the presentation of the master and brethren of the house of St. Mark, Bristol, of the diocese of Worcester.

230. July 29. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Philip ap Wyllym *álias* Long, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Hampton by Bath, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Staff[ord]; at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

231. Aug. 4. London. The bishop, in furtherance of a commission of Richard, bishop of Rochester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Lynne, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Terston of the diocese of Rochester, and Walter Olney, rector of the parish church of Wrytelyngton,
Fol. 40. instituted Sir John in the church of Wrytelyngton, at the presentation of John Wakeryng, canon and prebendary of Fordyngton and Wrytelyngton in the church of Salisbury.

232. Aug. 11. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Napton, priest, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry of St. Mary, Combeflory, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Penneford; at the presentation of Sir Robert Latymer, knight.

233. Aug. 23. Wells. By force of a commission of Philip, bishop of Lincoln, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Gerveys, rector of the parish church of Acle, of his diocese, and John Blanket, rector of the parish church of Sutton Byngham, the vicar general instituted Sir Thomas as rector of Sutton Byngham, at the presentation of John Peny, donzel.

234. Commissio ad procedendum et dissolvendam visitacionem in ecclesia Wellensi.

Nicholaus etc. dilectis in christo filiis Magistris Johanni Hody, Ricardo Bruton et Johanni Tyssebury, ecclesie nostre Wellensis canonico, salutem etc. Licet nos visitacionem nostram ordinariam in dicta ecclesia nostra cathedrali Wellensi nuper inchoatam ex certis causis legitimis nos in hac parte

moventibus, necnon ad instantem peticionem confratrum 1410.
nostrorum canonicorum in dicta ecclesia nostra Wellensi existencium usque ad proximum diem juridicum post festum Sancti Jeronimi proximo futurum duxerimus continuandam, variis tamen et arduis negociis regiis multipliciter prepediti quominus ad dictum diem sic ut premittitur limitatum presenciam nostram adhibere possimus ut optamus, ad procedendum igitur in dicta nostra visitacione dicto die in domo capitulari ecclesie nostre predicte expediendaque, discucienda, finienda et terminanda omnia et singula que per nos expediri, discuti, finiri seu terminari deberent aut possent si personaliter interessemus tunc ibidem, necnon eandem visitacionem nostram, si oporteat, finaliter dissolvendam, vobis conjunctim et cuilibet vestrum divisim, de quorum fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria confidimus, committimus vices nostras, cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate. Et quid feceritis &c. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Data in manerio nostro de Dogmersfeld, secundo die Septembris, anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ decimo etc.

235. Commissio ad procedendum in negocio visitacionis Fol. 40*d.*
ac juxta formam submissionis contra J. Seynpoule.

Nicholaus etc dilectis in Christo filiis, Magistris Johanni Hody, Ricardo Bruton, Ricardo Drayton et Johanni Tyssebury, ecclesie nostre Wellensis canonicis, salutem etc. Quia nonnullis arduis negociis regiis ad presens multipliciter prepediti visitacionem nostram ordinariam, nuper in domo hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Bristolli, nostre diocesis, per nos actualiter inchoatam et adhuc pendentem notorie indecisam, exequi finaliter et perficere presencialiter non valemus, ad exercendum hujusmodi visitacionis officium et domum sive hospitale predictum, tam in capite quam in membris, die proximo juridico post festum Sancti Michaelis proximo post datam presencium et immediate sequente, cum continuacione et prorogacione, si oporteat, dierum et locorum tunc sequencium, visitandum; necnon de confratrum et bonorum domus sive hospitalis predicte et ad ipsum spectancium et pertinencium, ac presertim de fratris Johannis Seyntpoule, magistrum sive custodem domus hujusmodi se dicentis, auctoritate nostra

1410. ordinaria, necnon juxta et secundum vim, formam et effectum, cujusdam submissionis ipsius fratris Johannis alias per eum pure, sponte, simpliciter et absolute nobis et in nos facte, statu, regimine, defectibus, criminibus et excessibus inquirendum, et que correccione digna fuerint corrigenda punienda et debite reformanda titulumque et jus quem et quod dictus frater Johannes in prefata domo seu hospitali se habere pretendit examinanda et discucienda, ipsumque fratrem Johannem propter crimen seu aliam causam legitimam ab administracione et custodia domus sive hospitalis predicti ad tempus sive perpetuo, juxta juris exigenciam, amovendum; necnon omnia alia et singula que ad hujusmodi visitacionis officium pertinere dinoscuntur, et que ibidem, sive ex officio nostro mero, sive ad partis alicujus instanciam, reperiri contigerit, exercenda, expedienda et fine debito terminanda et perficienda; vobis conjunctim et cuilibet vestrum divisim, de quorum fidelitate et industria plenam in Domino fiduciam reportamus, tenore presencium committimus vices nostras, cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate. Et quid feceritis et inveneritis etc. In cujus rei etc. Data in manerio nostro de Dogmersfeld secundo die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo, etc.

236. Commissio ad recipiendam renunciacionam domine M. F. priorisse de Barwe et assignandam eidem porcionem.

Nicholaus etc. Magistris Johanni Hody, ecclesie nostre Wellensis precentori, et Johanni Tyssebury, ejusdem ecclesie nostre, canonico, salutem etc. Cum nuper ex parte dilectarum in Christo filiarum, domine Margerie Fitz Nicol, priorisse prioratus de Barwe nostre diocesis, et ejusdem loci conventus, nobis extitit humiliter supplicatum quod, cum dicta Margeria a cura, regimine et administracione officii dicti prioratus, ex certis causis veris et legitimis, ipsam, ut asserit, ad hoc moventibus, cupiat penitus exonerari quo liberius Deo valeat in quiete spiritus famulari, nostrum consensum prebere dignaremur: nos vero, statui prioratus predicto pio compacientes affectu, ad recipiendam et admittendam in forma juris resignacionem quamcumque prefate Margerie de et super prioratu faciendam porcionemque legitimam et competentem pro

victu et sustentacione dicte Margerie per vos auctoritate 1410.
nostra eidem assignandam et sic assignatam auctorizandam; ceteraque omnia et singula facienda, exercenda et expedienda que in premissis necessaria fuerint seu eciam oportuna, vobis conjunctim et divisim, de quorum fidelitate et industria plene confidimus, committimus vices nostras, cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate. Et quid etc. In cujus etc. Data in manerio nostro de Dogmersfeld secundo die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ decimo etc.

237. Commissio ad inquirendum super defectibus prioris de Berlych.

Nicholaus etc. dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Johanni Tyssebury, ecclesie nostre Wellensis canonico, salutem etc. Cum nuper in visitacione nostra ordinaria in prioratu de Berlych tam in capite quam in membris per certum nostrum commissarium exercita quedam detecta, delata et comperta extiterant que debite correccionis et reformacionis indigebant auxilio et prout informamur indigent in presenti, ad audienda, igitur, examinanda, discucienda et fine debito terminanda causas et negocia quorumcumque detectorum et compertorum hujus- Fol. 41.
modi, necnon corrigenda, reformanda et punienda, crimina et excessus quecumque priorem dicti prioratus seu singulares personas ejusdem qualitercumque concernencia, ipsumque priorem ab administracione bonorum spiritualium et temporalium si oporteat, suspendendum seu juxta ejus demerita ad tempus amovendum, alium vel alios loco ipsius deputandum et administracionem ipsius prioratus committendam, aliaque facienda et expedienda que dictorum detectorum seu compertorum qualitas exigit et natura, vobis de cujus fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria plene confidimus, committimus vices nostras, cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate. Et quid feceritis etc. Data ut supra.

238. Monicio pro restitucione munimentorum subtractorum.

Nicholaus etc. Magistris Johanni Hody, precentori, Ricardo Bruton, cancellario, ecclesie nostre Wellensis, Rogero Harewell, archidiacono nostro Bathoniensi, ac domino Waltero Hamme, vicario perpetuo ecclesie parochialis Sancti Cuthberti civitatis

1410. nostre Wellie, salutem etc. Inter nonnulla que nostro incumbunt officio pastorali quamplurimum fore dinoscitur oportunum ut quadam providencia singulari jura ecclesiarum nostrarum Bathoniensis et Wellensis (quibus licet inmerito presidemus) inviolata conserventur pariter et illesa, ne per nostre solicitudinis incuriam necligencie nota nobis merito valeat imputari. Sane fama laborante ad nostrum sepius pervenerit auditum quod quidam iniquitatis filii, quorum nomina et persone penitus ignorantur, diversa cartas, instrumenta, libros, composiciones, judicia, arbitria aliaque munimenta, tam in spiritualibus tam in temporalibus, nos et jus ecclesiarum nostrarum Bathoniensis et Wellensis concernencia nostris et predecessorum nostrorum temporibus subtraxerunt, asportaverunt, detinuerunt et concelarunt, et sic subtracta et asportata detinent et concelant eciam in presenti, jura et libertates ecclesiastica nequiter infringendo, in ipsarum animarum periculum et nostrum et ecclesiarum predictarum prejudicium valde grave. Quocirca vobis conjunctim et cuilibet vestrum divisim in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos hujusmodi cartarum, instrumentorum, librorum, composicionum, judiciorum, arbitriorum, aliorumque munimentorum quorumcumque occupatores, detentores seu concelatores, tam in ecclesia nostra cathedrali Wellensis quam in predicta ecclesia Sancti Cuthberti, diebus dominicis et festivis, cum major fuerit in eisdem populi multitudo, publice in genere moneatis seu moneri et induci faciatis quod infra quindecim dierum spacium a tempore monicionis vestre continue numerandorum, quarum quindecim dierum quinque pro primo, quinque pro secundo, et reliquos quinque dies pro tercio et peremptorio termino assignetis eisdem, quibus et nos sic assignavimus, omnia et singula hujusmodi cartas, instrumenta, libros, composiciones, judicia, arbitria, ceteraque munimenta nobis restituant et revelent sub majoris excommunicacionis sentencie pena quem in non parentes monicionibus vestris hujusmodi, immo verius nostris, post lapsum dictorum quindecim dierum, canonica hujusmodi monicione premissa, dolo, mora et culpa precedentibus, ferimus in hiis scriptis, et eosdem ex tunc sic excommunicatos fuisse et esse in ecclesiis predictis cum omni solempnitate qua decet volumus et mandamus per vos publice et solempniter nunciari, a denun-

ciacione hujusmodi non cessantes quousque aliud a nobis habueritis in mandatis. Et quid feceritis etc. nos citra festum Omnium Sanctorum proximo futurum etc. Data in manerio nostro de Dogmersfeld sub sigillo nostro viij° die mensis Septembris, 1410. 1410.

239. Sept. 11. [Wells]. The aforesaid vicar general committed to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Richard Spicer, perpetual vicar of Stokelond of his diocese, and John Lodre, perpetual vicar of Estcoker; and on receipt of the bishop's certificate thereon shewing that, on 12 September, in his castle of Shirburn, he had instituted Sir Richard in the vicarage of Estcoker, at the presentation of the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Exeter, the said vicar on 15 September took the oath of obedience before him and had letters of induction. Fol. 41*d*.

240. Sept. 15. Same place. The vicar general instituted Richard Keynes, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Compton Martyn, vacant by the death of Sir John Uttokeshatre; at the presentation of John Keynes, esquire, patron for this turn, as has been found by inquisition.

241. Sept. 16. He granted letters dimissory for John Dyer, sub-deacon of the diocese, to the holy order of the diaconate; and for Richard Hawen and William Oke, deacons of the diocese, to the holy order of the priesthood, from any catholic bishop in England.

242. Sept. 17. He granted like letters for John Grene, acolyte of the diocese, to the holy order of the sub-diaconate; and for Richard Polsa and John Smyth, deacons of the diocese, to the holy order of the priesthood.

243. Sept. 25. Dogmersfeld. The bishop presented Thomas Shelford, clerk, to the bishop of Salisbury to the church of Bokelond in his diocese, vacant by the resignation of John Shelford, clerk.

1410. 244. Sept. 27. Same place. The bishop granted an indulgence of forty days to all his parishioners and others &c contributing charitable assistance to William de Braunston, citizen of London, and Ellen his wife, for the ransom of 28 marks required for their sons Hugh de Braunston and Robert, prisoners at Hareflet.

245. Oct. 6. Same place. The bishop collated to Sir Henry Mory, priest, the parish church of Laverton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Michael Carvebon, and instituted him as rector in the same.

Fol. 42. 246. As above. The bishop received a writ of the king in these words;—Henricus etc. venerabili in Christo patri N. etc salutem. Cum vos ceterique prelati et clerus vestre diocesis in ultima convocacione in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi celebrata, statum nostrum regium ac defensionem regni quam necessariam devoto intuitu unanimiter attendentes, concesseritis nobis pro statu et defensione predictis de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis ad decimam taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis (beneficiis pauperum monialium hospitalariorum et aliorum in partibus Wellie et marchiis ejusdem ac alibi destructis et nimium diminutis, super quibus literis ordinariorum credatur, aceciam monasterio de Berlynges dumtaxat exceptis) unam decimam et dimidiam decimam in terminis subscriptis solvendam, videlicet in quindena Sancti Michaelis proximo futura unam dimidiam decimam, et ad festum Purificacionis Beate Marie a dicto festo Sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo tunc futurum unam dimidiam decimam ; dumtamen dicti prelati et clerus citra dictum festum Purificacionis aliqua nova concessione aut solucione non graventur quodque nulla dimidia decima suprascripta ante terminos solucionis superius limitatos in parte vel in toto levetur ; vobis mandamus quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestre diocesis pro quibus respondere volueritis ad decimam et medietatem decime predictas in eadem diocesi vestra juxta formam concessionis predicte levandas et colligendas, prout moris est, assignari et deputari faciatis, ita quod nobis de decima et medietate decime predictis ad eadem festa in forma predicta respondeatur, thesaurarium et barones de scaccario nostro de

nominibus illorum quos ad hoc deputaveritis citra octabas Sancti 1410.
Michaelis proximo futuras ad ultimum, distincte et aperte certificantes. Et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostram ac defensionem regni predicti diligitis nullatenus omittatis. Teste J. Cokayn apud Westmonasterium, primo die Octobris anno regni nostro duodecimo. Per rotulum memorandorum de eodem anno duodecimo. Septimo die ejusdem mensis Octobris anno quo supra Londonii. Idem reverendus pater religiosum virum fratrem Johannem priorem prioratus de Bruton ad levandam et colligendam dictam primam dimidiam decimam ad dictum festum Sancti Michaelis solvendam ; necnon priorem prioratus de Monte Acuto ad secundam dimidiam decimam ad dictum festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste solvendam : ac abbatem monasterii de Clyva ad dictam terciam dimidiam decimam ad dictum festum Purificacionis Beate Marie [solvendam] ; juxta vim, formam et effectum dicti brevis, deputavit in diocesi sua predicta collectores. Et super hoc literas suas eorum cuilibet singillatim direxit sub hac forma ;—Nicholaus etc dilecto in Christo filio fratri Johanni priori etc salutem etc. Breve domini nostri regis nuper recepimus, ut supra. Nos igitur mandatis regiis nobis directis parere volentes, ut tenemur, ad petendam, colligendam, levandam et recipiendam infra diocesim nostram predictam primam dimidiam decimam, videlicet in quindena Sancti Michaelis proximo futura in dicto brevi expressata, et acquietancias de et pro receptis hujusmodi faciendas, non solventes eciam, si qui fuerint, per quascumque censuras ecclesiasticas ad satisfaciendos de eadem prima dimidia decima canonice compellendos, et de pecunia ea occasione recepta, collecta et levata domino nostro regi termino supradicto satisfaciendos, ceteraque omnia et singula facienda que in premissis et ea contingentibus necessaria fuerint vel eciam opportuna, vobis de cujus fidelitate etc. vices nostras committimus per presentes cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate. In cujus etc. Data ut supra.

The same day at the same place a certificate went out to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer of the names of the collectors appointed pursuant to the above writ which was received by the bishop on October 5.

1410. Fol. 42*d*. 247. Oct. 5. Same place. The bishop presented to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, Thomas Bubbewythe, clerk, to the parish church of Aisshebury in the diocese of Salisbury, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Shelford.

248. Instrumentum resignacionis ecclesie de Clapton.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter quod anno ab Incarnacione Domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane 1410, indiccione quarta, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Johannis divina providencia pape XXIII anno primo, mensis Octobris die quarta, in capella hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Bristolli, in parochia Sancte Marie de Redeclyf situata, in mei notarii presencia et testium subscriptorum presencia constitutus personaliter discretus vir dominus Johannes Halle, rector, ut asseruit, ecclesie parochialis de Clapton, volens, ut asseruit, a cura et regimine dicte ecclesie sue penitus exonerari, eandem ecclesiam suam de Clapton cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis ex certis causis veris et legitimis ipsum, ut asseruit, ad hoc moventibus, in sacras manus Nicholai episcopi, loci diocesani, seu alterius cujuscumque hujusmodi resignacionem potestatem admittendi habentis, pure, sponte, simpliciter et absolute, ex certa sua sciencia, non vi, metu seu dolo, ad hoc inductus seu coactus, ut asseruit, resignavit in scriptis ipsamque re et verbo dimisit, jurique, titulo et possessioni suis in eadem totaliter renunciavit et ab eisdem, tam verbo quam facto, ut apparuit, recessit tunc ibidem. Super quibus omnibus et singulis idem dominus Johannes Halle requisivit me, notarium publicum subscriptum, sibi conficere publicum instrumentum. Acta sunt hec, prout supra scribuntur et recitantur, sub anno etc predictis presentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris Magistro Johanne Tyssebury, canonico Wellensi, Johanne Artour, armigero et domino Johanne Baker, capellano Bathoniensis diocesis, et aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis. Et ego Johannes Reynold, clericus Sarisburiensis diocesis, publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic, ut premittitur, sub anno etc predictis agebantur et fiebant una cum prenominatis testibus presens personaliter interfui eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi

et audivi, scripsi, publicavi et in hanc publicam formam redegi, 1410.
signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis signavi rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium premissorum.

249. Oct. 13. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Dyer, priest, as rector of the parish church of Clapton vacant as above, at the presentation of John Artour, esquire ; having first received an inquisition taken upon the right of the presenter and the presentee &c.

250. Decretum pensionis annue Johannis Halle dudum Fol. 43.
ecclesiam de Clopton resignantis.

Universis sanctis matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus Bruton, cancellarius etc Nicholai Dei gracia Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi, extra suam diocesim in remotis agentis, vicarius in spiritualibus generalis, salutem in Eo qui est omnium vera salus. Cum dominus Johannes Halle nuper rector ecclesie parochialis de Clapton, per tantum tempus curam et regimen ejusdem ecclesie laudabiliter gubernaverit quod ad actuale exercicium ejusdem in presenti et pro futuro propter senectutem et corporis sui debilitatem impotens sit effectus ipseque volens et affectans pocius ab hujusmodi cura et regimine ex causis premissis totaliter exonerari quam gregem Dominicum sibi commissum lupinis morsibus lacerandum exponere ecclesiam suam de Clapton predictam in manus reverendi patris supradicti et nostras pure, sponte et absolute resignavit, tenore presencium vobis innotescimus quod nos consideratis laboribus et bono regimine dicti domini Johannis circa animarum curam ecclesie de Clapton supradicta que dum potuit hactenus impendit ac utilitate ejusdem ecclesie quam procuravit et in futurum, duce Domino, poterit procurare; attendentes eciam quod dignum sit qui laborat aliquid mercedis accipiat, et ne idem dominus Johannes Halle, dudum ut prefertur rector ecclesie prefate, in ordinis presbiteralis opprobium et ministerii vituperium, mendicitus victum adquirere cogatur, eidem domino Johanni Halle de fructibus et obvencionibus ecclesie supradicte pensionem annuam centum solidorum singulis annis, durante vita ejusdem, ad quatuor anni terminos principales equis porcionibus sibi per rectorem ejusdem ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerit fideliter persolvendam, incipiente prima solucione in festo Natalis

1410. Domini proximo tunc futuro, aceciam cameram principalem infra mansum dicte rectorie et aysiamentum aule et aliarum domuum dicte rectorie sibi necessarium in communi cum rectore qui pro tempore fuerit ibidem, cum libero ingressu ad omnia predicta et egressu ab eisdem pro suo libito voluntatis, vocatis hiis quorum interest, auctoritate sufficienti nobis in hac parte commissa, decrevimus, assignavimus et ordinavimus, quam eciam per presentes decernimus, assignamus et ordinamus, accedente ad hanc nostram ordinacionem et decretum consensu expresso et voluntate domini Johannis Dyere, presbiteri, ad eandem ecclesiam per liberam resignacionem dicti domini Johannis Halle vacantem presentati, admissique et canonice instituti in eadem et aliorum quorumcumque quorum interesse poterit in hac parte, cameramque supradictam idem dominus Johannis Dyere et successores sui quociens opus fuerit sumptibus suis competenter in omnibus reparabunt; quam quidem nostram ordinacionem et decretum fideliter et integre observare idem dominus Johannes Dyere pro persona sua, tactis per eum sacrosanctis evangeliis, juramentum suum prestitit corporale; volentes eciam et tenore presencium decernentes quod successores ejusdem domini Johannis Dyere omnes et singuli si qui fuerint, durante vita prefati domini Johannis Halle, iidem pro personis suis, tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis, prestent modo consimili juramentum corporale. Decernimus insuper et ordinamus auctoritate qua supra de consensu eciam expresso dicti domini Johannis Dyere, nunc rectoris, quod quandocumque et quocienscumque tempore nostro seu episcoporum Bathoniensium et Wellensium hanc nostram ordinacionem contigerit in aliqua sui parte non impleri vel infringi (quod absit) liceat extunc superiori nostro, episcopo qui pro tempore fuerit, et nobis pro tempore nostro, fructus et proventus quoscumque dicte ecclesie sequestrare et eos sub arto et duro custodire sequestro donec hec dicta nostra ordinacio, juxta formam superius expressatam in omnibus impleatur et effectualiter observetur, ad que omnia et singula facienda episcopo ac nobis potestatem liberam specialiter reservamus. In cujus etc. sigillum officialitatis Bathoniensis et Wellensis quod ad manus habemus et quo in hujus vicariatus utimur officio presentibus duximus apponendum. Data et acta sunt hec in ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi 15 Octobris, 1410.

On the said 15 October in the same place, before the said 1410.
vicar general in the presence of me William Brett, notary public Fol. 43*d*.
by apostolic authority, and the underwritten witnesses, Sir John Dyer acknowledged the above pension to be due out of the fruits of his church and swore to observe the foregoing decree or ordinance, there being present Masters William Langebroke, treasurer, and John Tyssebury, canon, of the church of Wells, Sir Thomas Truttok chaplain, William Brett, notary public, etc.

251. Oct. 15. Wells. The vicar general set forward an exchange of benefices between Sirs Richard Batte, priest, perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Eston in Gordano, and William Hawkyn, priest, perpetual vicar of the church of Haselbere, and instituted Sir Richard in the church of Haselbere, at the presentation of Sir Richard Aldryngton, canon and prebendary of Hasilbere in the church of Wells, and Sir William in the church of Eston in Gordano, at the presentation of Sir Walter Dolbeare, canon and prebendary of Eston aforesaid in the church of Wells.

252. Oct. 20. London. The bishop granted to Master John Storthwayt, rector of the parish church of Corymalet, licence of non-residence for two years, attending schools in any university.

253. As above. The bishop directed letters to the king's majesty for the taking of the body of John 'of Court' of Weston Bampfeyld excommunicated; at the instance of the archdeacon of Wells attesting the excommunication under his seal.

254. Oct. 26. Same place. On receipt of a certificate of Alexander, bishop of Norwich, upon the execution of a commission directed to him on 13 October for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Supplet, rector of the parish church of Alderton of his diocese and Thomas Frompton, rector of the parish church of Norton subtus Hamedon, that by authority thereof he on 22 October instituted Sir William in the said Fol. 44.
church of Norton, at the presentation of John de la Pole and Robert de Bolton, clerks, Sir William swore obedience to the bishop and had letters for his induction.

1410. 255. Oct. 21. Wells. The vicar general instituted Richard Abbot, acolyte, as rector of church of Mynsterton annexed to the parish church of Crukern, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Kyngton ; at the presentation of Edward Courtenay, earl of Devon.

256. Oct. 31. Same place. He instituted Sir John Ledbery, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Pylton, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Preston ; at the presentation of Master John Hody, precentor of the church of Wells.

257. Oct. 31. In the cathedral church of Wells, in the presence of the above Sir John Ledbery he decreed a pension of 4*l.* out of the fruits of the vicarage to Sir William. [*Cf.* No. 250.]

Fol. 44*d.* 258. Nov. 3. London. On receipt of a presentation by John Chydyok, esquire, of John Dogge, clerk, to the chapel of Kyngeston by Yevele, the bishop committed to Master John Tyssebury, clerk, his commissary general, to make inquisition of and upon the vacancy of the chapel and the right of patronage, with the other clauses usual in such cases, and if the
Fol. 45. inquisition made for this to institute the presentee. Then on 13 November a certificate upon the commission was returned in these words ;—Reverendo etc vester humilis et devotus Johannes Tyssebury etc. Literas vestras nono die mensis Novembris cum ea qua decuit reverencia humiliter recepi, ut supra. Post quarum quidem literarum recepcionem et earum auctoritate inquisicionem de et super omnibus et singulis articulis predictis in capella Beate Marie Virginis juxta claustrum ecclesie Wellensis decimo die mensis per rectores, clericosque et laicos infrascriptos, presentes et in forma juris juratos, videlicet Magistros Ricardum Harewell, rectorem de Trent, Thomam Cosyn, rectorem de Westcammell, dominos Willelmum Calff, rectorem de Yevelton, Robertum Burgh, rectorem de Compton Panesfote, William Mayon, rectorem de Shepham, Johannem Lymyngton, rectorem de Bokelond Marie, Willelmum Wygore, capellanum, Nicholaum Cokir, armigerum, Thomam Blakeford de Yevele, Johannem Brugge, Hugonem Everard et Robertum Polglas, laicos, vocatis eciam in hac parte vocandis, feci

diligentem. Qui jurati dicunt quod dicta capella vacat per 1410.
liberam resignacionem Walteri Drewery, clerici, ultimi rectoris ejusdem et incepit vacare tercio die mensis Novembris. Predictus Johannes Chidiok, armiger, presentans ad eandem, est verus patronus ejusdem. Dominus Johannes Chidiok, miles, pater dicti presentantis, ultimo presentavit ad eandem. Jus presentandi ad eandem ista vice pertinet ad dictum Johannem Chidiok jure suo hereditario. Dicta capella est libera ita quod primam tonsuram gerens possit optinere ipsam ad terminum vite. Presentatus ad eandem est liber, legitimus et honestus, etatis xxx annorum, competentis sciencie. Dicta capella non est taxata, valet tantum annuatim decem marcarum, non est pensionaria nec porcionaria. Nichil obest presentanti nec presentato quod sciant. Et subsequenter, capta hujusmodi inquisicione, quia per eandem nichil inveni obesse presentanti neque presentato predictis in hac parte de canonicis institutis, vice et auctoritate vestris predictis prefatum Willelmum Dogge ad dictam liberam capellam de Kyngeston, per resignacionem predicti Walteri Drewery ultimi rectoris ejusdem vacantem, ad presentacionem prefati Johannis Chidiok, veri patroni ejusdem, in forma juris admisi ipsumque rectorem sive custodem cum suis juribus etc institui canonice in eadem, juribus etc, et recepta ejus canonica obediencia per archidiaconum Wellensem seu ejus officialem induci mandavi et feci eundem. Et sic literas vestras predictas in quantum potui humiliter sum executus. Que omnia et singula, sigillo officii mei et sigillis eorum per quos hujusmodi inquisicio capta fuit sigillata, vestre paternitati antedicte transmitto inclusa. Data Wellie x^mo^ die mensis et anni predictorum.

259. Nov. 6. Wells. On receipt of a certificate of John, Fol. 45*d*.
bishop of Llandaff, of the execution of the vicar general's commission to him of 18 October for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Robert Randolf, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Strugull of his diocese, and Thomas Nelme, rector of the parish church of Hardyngton, that by authority thereof he on 26 October, in the house of the Friars Minors of Kerdyf, instituted Sir Robert in the church of Hardyngton at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham, the vicar

1410. general received the canonical obedience of the said presentee and gave him letters for his induction.

260. Nov. 9. London. The bishop instituted John Reynold, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Kynewardeston, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Saviour's, Bermondsey.

261. As above. He collated to Master Robert Keten, licenciate in either law, a canonry and the prebend of Whitchurch in the church of Wells, and invested him in the same, and gave him letters for his induction, in the absence of the dean, to the president and chapter.

262. Nov. 10. Same place. The bishop wrote letters testimonial to the king's majesty for the taking of the bodies of Walter Saymer of Wyncaulton and Sibil Luydes of the same, excommunicated by his ordinary authority.

263. Nov. 14. Same place. The bishop granted to William Cervyngton, rector of the parish church of Whatlegh, letters dimissory to receive all minor as well as holy orders from any catholic bishop titled in England.

Fol. 46. 264. Nov. 14. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Smyth, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Murlynch, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Boutesale, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

265. Nov. 15. London. The bishop granted during pleasure licence for John Roland, canon of Wells, to celebrate divine offices and have the same celebrated in his presence in his chapel or oratory in his manse in Wells.

266. Nov. 16. Same place. He granted to Master John Gorewell, rector of the parish church of Norton by Taunton, licence to preach the Word of God everywhere in the diocese; without prejudice to any one.

267. Nov. 19. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by Thomas de Mountford, donzel, of Master Thomas Neusom, bachelor in laws, to the parish church of Nony, the bishop

commissioned Masters Richard Bruton, chancellor, and John 1410.
Tyssebury, canon, of the church of Wells, to make inquisition touching the vacancy of the church, the right of the presenter and the presentee and the other articles usual in this behalf; and on 9 December, at Dogmersfeld, on return of a certificate of their inquisition finding that the church is vacant by the death of Sir William Wodecourt but whether there be any simoniacal pravity or illegal compact herein or whether the presentee be a free man and legitimate is not clear to the inquisitors because the presenter and the presentee are of distant parts, he took an oath of Thomas Neusom on the gospels that there was no simony or illegal compact in the presentation and Fol. 46*d*.
instituted him as rector. The presentee further made oath that, if it come to his knowledge hereafter that there was an illegal compact by him or his friends, he will resign the said church within one month.

268. Bishop NICHOLAS to the POPE'S nuncio.

Venerabili &c domino Marcello de Strozis, legum doctori, sedis apostolice nuncio in Anglia et collectori, Nicholaus etc. salutem cum reverenciis debitis et honorem. Mandatum vestrum reverendum nuper recepimus in hec verba: Reverendo etc. Marcellus etc. se ipsum cum reverencia et honore debitis tanto patri. Vobis, reverende pater et domine, auctoritate apostolica qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore presencium committimus et virtute obediencie sancte et sub pena juramenti prestiti quibus dicte sedi apostolice tenemini cum ea qua decet reverencia firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus conjunctim personas et beneficia subscripta ex causis inferius recitatis monendo, citando fructusque beneficiorum hujusmodi sequestrando juxta vim, formam et effectum rubricellarum et capitulorum inferius contentorum vice et auctoritate dicte sedis apostolice canonice procedatis et exequamini, procedive et exequi faciatis debite cum effectu. Citari insuper peremptorie faciatis omnes et singulos beneficiorum seu locorum hujusmodi possessores, occupatores seu firmarios, personaliter si reperiantur, alioquin in beneficiis seu domiciliis eorumdem, quod compareant et quilibet eorumdem compareat coram nobis in hospicio nostro in parochia Beate Marie super Montem Londoniensis situato

1410. citra xxij diem mensis Decembris proximo futurum sub pena excommunicacionis majoris quam in ipsorum singulares personas simoniti comparere neclexerint intendimus fulminare, de pecuniis per ipsos nomine procuracionum nobis debitis plenarie satisfacturi causasve racionabiles si quas habeant quare ad id minime teneantur coram nobis in prima juris ostensuri, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi quod justicia suadebit. Et quid feceritis in premissis seu fieri feceritis nos citra diem predictum clare certificetis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem ac execucionis vestre modum et formam plenius continentes sigillo vestro sigillatas. Super quibus omnibus et singulis vestram conscienciam districtius in Domino oneramus. Data Londonii sub sigillo nostro quo utimur in officio xxiiij die mensis Julii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} decimo. Abbas de Keynesham et abbas de Clyve debent procuracionem de pluribus annis a retro existentem, unde moneantur sub pena excommunicacionis, citenturque et
Fol. 47. sequestrentur fructus eorundem. Abbas de Muchelney, abbas de Athelney, prior et conventus Bathoniensis, prior de Bruton, prior Montis Acuti, prior de Tauntona, prior de Dunster: isti debent procuracionem de anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} viij, ix et x, unde moneantur, citenturque et sequestrentur fructus beneficiorum suorum. Decanus et capitulum Wellensis, abbas de Glastonia debent procuracionem de anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} ix et x. Ideo moneantur, citenturque, et fructus sui sequestrentur.

Quod quidem mandatum vestrum reverendum monendo, citando, sequestrando, singuloque expediendo secundum vim, formam et effectum ejusdem ac rubricellarum et capitulorum supradictorum, quatenus potuimus, debite fecimus execucioni demandari. Data sub sigillo nostro apud Dogmersfeld xiij^{o} die mensis Decembris 1410.

269. Dec. 14. Same place. The bishop granted to Master William Trebell of his diocese, having the first tonsure only, bachelor in laws, letters dimissory to [take] the orders of the acolyteship and the sub-diaconate from any catholic bishop.

270. As above. He granted to John Bernard, rector of the parish church of Claverton, a dispensation for one year according to the chapter *Cum ex eo.*

271. Dec. 12. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Forde, rector of the parish church of Southbradene, to the parish church of Chafcombe, at the presentation of William Beauchamp, esquire; and of Sir Edmund Stoppe, rector of the said church of Chafcombe, to the said church of Southbradene, at the presentation of Nicholas Reod, esquire; on an exchange of benefices made between them. 1410.

272. Dec. 18. Same place. By authority of a commission of John, bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Dalton, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Asshebourne of his diocese, and William atte Walle, rector of the parish church of Radestoke, the vicar general instituted Sir William Dalton in the church of Radestoke, at the presentation of John Stourton, esquire.

273. Same day and place. He instituted Sir William Preston, priest, as rector of the parish church of Cosyngton, vacant by the death of Sir William Rolegh; at the presentation of John Brent, esquire. Fol. 47*d*.

274. Dec. 19. A commission went out under the name and seal of the said reverend father to Master John Tyssebury, canon of Wells and residenciary there, to exercise the office of the presidency in the cathedral church of Wells and the chapter house of the same, and to all persons of the chapter, as is more fully contained below. [*The space below is left blank.*]

275. Jan. 18. 1410—11. Same place. The same reverend father, on receipt of a commission of Henry, bishop of Winchester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Smyth, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Estmeone, of his diocese, and John Brydport, rector of the parish church of Newton Seynlowe, instituted Sir Thomas in the church, at the presentation of lady Margaret Courtenay. Fol. 48.

276. Jan. 27. Same place. The bishop collated to Sir Thomas Benham, priest, the parish church of Laverton, and instituted him as rector of the same; and he had letters of the collation and to induct, directed to Sir Thomas Madyngle, canon of Wells,

1411. there being present Masters Thomas Frome, and John Shirford, bachelor in laws.

277. As above. He granted a dispensation to William Cervyngton, subdeacon, rector of the parish church of Whatelegh, according to the chapter *Cum ex eo.*

278. Jan. 28. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Loveton, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Wynsford, vacant by the death of Sir John Walssh; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Berlych.

279. Jan. 30. Same place. He instituted Sir Walter Cleve, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Hampton by Bath, vacant by the free resignation of Sir Philip ap Wyllym, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

Fol. 48*a*. 280. Feb. 5. Same place. By authority of a commission of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Mascal, rector of the parish church of Estchaldefeld, of his diocese, and Walter Wylmot, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Ford, the vicar general instituted Sir John as perpetual vicar of Ford, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

281. Feb. 13. Same place. On receipt of a certificate of John, bishop of Llandaff, of the execution of the vicar-general's commission to him on 27 January last for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Roger Nichol, rector of the parish church of Elleworthy, of the diocese of Wells, and William David, rector of the parish church of St. Mary on the Bridge, Llandaff, showing that on 7 February in the house of the Friars Minors of Kerdyff, he instituted Sir William in the church of Elleworthy at the presentation of the prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England, the presentee took the oath of obedience to the bishop and had letters for his induction.

282. Feb. 24. Same place. By authority of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Corbyn, rector of the parish church of Stodelegh of his diocese, and Thomas Caux minister or rector

of the parish church of Culve, the vicar general instituted Sir John in the ministry of the latter church, at the presentation of Alice Stury, lady of Culve: having first received an inquisition making for the presenter and the presentee. 1411.

283. Feb. 25. London. The bishop granted to Thomas Sneynton, rector of the parish church of Sampford Brytt, sub-deacon, letters dimissory to the orders of the diaconate and the priesthood. Fol. 49.

284. Feb. 26. Same place. The bishop granted for one year to all his parishioners and others whose diocesans approve this, giving alms of the goods given to them by God to the hospital of St. Anthony of the diocese of Vienne, forty days of indulgence.

285. Feb. 28. Same place. The bishop collated to Sir John Dyppull *alias* Brymmesgrave, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Wermynstre *alias* Luxvile in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the resignation of Master John Morehay, and invested him in the same. He had letters to Master John Tyssebury, president of the chapter, and the chapter, to install him, and other letters to the bishop of Salisbury for induction into the corps of the prebend.

286. March 6. London. The bishop granted Master Thomas Neusom, bachelor of laws, having the first tonsure only, letters dimissory to all minor and holy orders.

287. As above. He granted to John Reynold, acolyte, rector of the parish church of Kynewardeston, like letters, to the order of the sub-diaconate only.

288. As above. On receipt of a presentation by the dean and chapter of Wells to Sir Gilbert Capelond, priest, of the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Burnham on account of an exchange of it for the parish church of Bisshopestre of the diocese of Salisbury, the bishop committed the effecting of the exchange to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, and receiving from him a certificate that in execution of the commission he, on 8 March, instituted Sir Gilbert in the said vicarage vacant by

1411. Fol. 49*d*. the resignation Master Thomas Frome made because of the exchange, the presentee took the oath of obedience and had letters for his induction.

289. March 12. Same place. On receipt by the bishop of a presentation by the dean and chapter of Sir John Craas, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Northcory in exchange for the parish church of Lydelynche of the diocese of Salisbury, he committed the effecting of the exchange to the above Bishop Robert and on return of the latter's certificate that, on 13 March, he instituted him accordingly in the said vicarage, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Muleward because of such exchange, the presentee took the oath of obedience and had letters for his induction.

290. RICHARD bishop of LONDON to bishop NICHOLAS.

Literas reverendissimi etc. Thome, Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, etc. xxiij die mensis Januarii anno domini infrascripto, reverenter recepimus tenorem qui sequitur continentes Thomas etc. Ricardo etc salutem etc. Quia ut intelleximus tanta nonnullorum nostre provincie subditorum inolevit improbitas ac voracitatis influvies venenavit eosdem quod vigiliam sancti Mathie Apostoli juxta indictam ab ecclesia formam sicut et aliorum apostolorum debitis jejuniis celebrandam, presertim si in die Lune vel Martis ante Diem Cinerum evenire contigerit, voluptatis intuitu in esu carnium in dictis jejuniis non observant set in hujusmodi comestione carnium dampnabiliter violant et prophanant in eorum animarum grave periculum ac aliorum plurimorum perniciosum exemplum. Nos igitur volentes nostram provinciam in quantum poterimus de hujusmodi abusionis trabe pestifera expiare, vestre fraternitati committimus et mandamus quatinus cicius quo poteritis, receptis presentibus, eo quod temporis brevitas ulteriores inducias non admittit, ad crucem Sancti Pauli Londoniensis ac in synodis, capitulis, populique et cleri convocacionibus et congregacionibus aliis ubique per vestras civitatem et diocesim inhibiciones solempnes fieri faciatis, tam nostra auctoritate quam vestra, universis et singulis subditis earumdem civitatis et diocesis ne in dicta vigilia que die Lune proxime ante dictum Diem Cinerum ex nunc continget, seu ex tunc

quandocumque et in quacumque feria annuatim evenire conti- 1411.
gerit, carnes vel carnea quoquo modo presumant sumere set debite se abstineant, ipsam vigiliam juxta indictam ab ecclesia formam solempniter jejunio observantes. Et quos inveneritis Fol. 50.
huic inhibicioni contemptibiliter refragare, cum illis qui aliorum Apostolorum jejunia notorie solvunt eciam pro contemptu, faciatis ultione debita castigari. Vobis insuper, ut supra, mandamus quatinus universis et singulis suffraganeis nostris dicte nostre provincie nostra auctoritate sub literis vestris harum seriem continentibus injungatis ut consimiles inhibiciones in suis civitatibus et diocesi universis subditis eorumdem fieri faciatis absque mora, delinquentes in ea parte consimiliter punientes. Et quid feceritis in premissis et fecerint dicti suffraganei nostri nos citra dominicam mediam Quadragesime debite certificetis et certificent literis vestris et suis patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem. Data apud Forde, xix die mensis Januarii, anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ decimo et nostre translacionis anno xv^mo^. Quarum auctoritate literarum vobis, reverende pater, cum ea qua decet reverencia, tenore presencium firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus cicius quo poteritis, receptis presentibus, in synodis, capitulis, populique et cleri convocacionibus et congregacionibus aliis ubique per vestras civitates et diocesim inhibiciones solempnes fieri faciatis, tam dicti reverendissimi patris auctoritate quam vestra, universis subditis earundem civitatum et diocesis ne in dicta vigilia que die Lune proxime ante dictum Diem Cinerum ex nunc, ut prefertur, continget, seu extunc quandocumque et in quacumque feria annuatim evenire contigerit, carnes vel carnea quoquo modo presumant sumere set debite se abstineant, ipsam vigiliam juxta indictam ab ecclesia formam solempni jejunio observantes. Et quos inveneritis huic inhibicioni contemptibiliter refragare, cum illis qui aliorum Apostolorum jejunia notorie solvunt eciam pro contemptu, faciatis ultione debita castigari, certificantes prefatum reverendissimum patrem de facto vestro in hac parte citra Dominicam Mediam Quadragesime predictam, prout litere predicte exigunt et requirunt. Data sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Fulham, xxvj die dicti mensis Januarii, anno domini supradicto et nostre translacionis anno quarto.

Nicholaus etc. Magistro Johanni Tyssebury, canonico

1411. ecclesie nostre Wellensis, presidenti capitulo dicte ecclesie nostre Wellensis per nos nuper legitime deputato, ac capitulo ibidem salutem etc. Reverendi in Christo patris et domini, domini Ricardi, Dei gracia Londoniensis episcopi, ix die mensis Februarii, anno domini subscripto, recepimus sub eo qui sequitur tenore verborum, Reverendo in christo patri etc., ut supra. Quocirca vobis omnibus et singulis, tam dicti reverendissimi patris auctoritate quam nostra, tenore presencium, inhibemus ac, per vos, omnibus et singulis dicta ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis subditis et ministris, in ecclesia eadem nostra cum major fuerit cleri et populi multitudo ibidem, necnon in synodis, capitulis ac cleri et populi convocacionibus et congregacionibus aliis locisque et temporibus quibus magis expedire videritis, cicius quo poteritis, publice et solempniter inhibero volumus et mandamus ne vos vel illi indicta vigilia que die Lune proxime ante dictum Diem Cinerum ex nunc, ut prefertur, continget, seu ex tunc quandocumque et in quacumque feria annuatim evenire contigerit, carnes vel carnea quoquo modo sumere presumatis seu presumant, set debite vos abstineatis et eos abstineant subditi ante dicti, ipsam vigiliam juxta indictam ab ecclesia formam solempniter jejunio observantes ; de nominibus vero et cognominibus eorum quos inveneritis huic inhibicioni contemptibiliter refragare, habita super hoc per vos diligenti inquisicione, ac de toto facto vestro in premissis nos opportuno tempore reddatis debite certiores vestris literis patentibus hunc tenorem habentibus sigillo vestro communi consignatis. Date in hospicio nostro Londoniensi &c.

Fol. 50*d*. Sub forma predicta emanarunt mandata singulis archidiaconis Wellensis diocesis, videlicet archidiaconis Bathoniensi, Wellensi et Tantonensi, ac custodi spiritualitatis Glastonie, ut est moris.

Forma certificatorii facti archiepiscopo Cantuariensi.

Reverendissimo etc Thome Nicholaus etc obedienciam et reverenciam debitam cum honore. Literas reverendi etc Ricardi, Dei gracia Londoniensis episcopi, mandatum vestrum reverendum in se continentes, nono die mensis Februarii, anno domini infrascripto, humiliter recepimus sequenti sub tenore ;— Reverendo etc. ut supra. Post quarum quidem literarum

reverentem recepcionem, cicius quo potuimus, omnibus et singulis subditis dictarum nostrarum civitatum et diocesis in synodis capitulis, populique et cleri convocacionibus et congregacionibus aliis ubique per nostras civitates et diocesim predictas juxta omnem vim, formam et effectum literarum vestrarum predictarum, tam auctoritate vestra quam nostra, inhibiciones solempnes fieri fecimus ; dictasque literas vestras in omnibus et per omnia, quatenus nos et subditos nostros concernunt, debite execucioni fecimus demandari, prout ipsorum tenor exigit et requirit. Et sic literis vestris, reverenter quatenus possumus, in omnibus paruimus et parebimus, ut tenemur. In cujus rei etc. Data in hospicio nostro Londoniensi, xv^mo^ die mensis Marcii anno domini supradicto etc. 1411.

291. March 21. Same place. The bishop granted during his pleasure to all his subjects and others whose diocesans ratify this indulgence, contributing of the goods conferred on them by God to the maintenance of the fabric of the chapel or hermitage of St. Thomas the Martyr, Southcadbury, forty days of indulgence of enjoined penances.

The year of the Lord 1411 *the fourth year of the bishop's translation follows.* Fol. 51.

292. April 22, 1411. Woky. The bishop instituted Sir William Wrynche, priest, as rector of the parish church of Netylcombe, vacant by the death of Sir John Huwyssh ; at the presentation of Simon Raly, patron, as has been found by inquisition.

293. April 29. Same place. The bishop granted for one year only to William Gosse of Bruggewater licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in the presence of himself and his wife or either of them, in any place within the diocese arranged for divine worship.

294. As above. He granted to William Crosse of Tetton in the parish of Kyngeston, licence to have like celebrations in his presence in his oratory within his dwelling-place at Tetton.

1411. 295. As above. He directed his letters under his great seal to the prioress and convent of nuns of Canyngton, licensing them to have any nuns of their priory to make their profession before and receive consecration from any catholic bishop on whatever day the prioress and convent select for this.

296. May 20. Wells. The vicar general instituted Master William Penbygyll, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Lokkeston, vacant by the death of Sir John Bakenham ; at the presentation of Sir John, lord of Lovel.

Fol. 51*d*. 297. June 5. Wells. He instituted Sir Roger Cole, priest, in the person of Ralph Haneford, literate, his proctor, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry of the Holy Ghost, Charleton Adam, vacant by the resignation of Sir Thomas Bost by way of exchange thereof for the parish church of Boryngton of the diocese of Exeter which he held ; at the presentation of Nicholas Poulet, esquire.

298. June 10. Same place. He instituted Sir Richard Appehull, priest, as rector of the parish church of Aungeryslegh, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Cheddre made in exchange for the parish church of Bungeton of the diocese of Chichester, which Sir Richard held before.

299. July 14. London. On receipt of a certificate of Sir John Wakeryng, archdeacon of Canterbury, vicar general of Master Richard Derham, professor of theology, dean of the king's free chapel of St. Martin le Grand London, now abroad, and commissary specially deputed for this, upon the expedition of an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Halywell, canon and prebendary of Dinre in the cathedral church of Wells and Thomas Feryby, canon and prebendary of Fauconers in the free chapel, whereby it appeared that by force of a commission to him in this behalf he on 10 July collated the canonry and the prebend of Dynre to Thomas in the person of John Stone, clerk, his proctor by a public instrument under the seal and subscription of Master Robert Northlode, clerk, notary public by apostolic authority, the bishop took of the said proctor the

oath of obedience sworn by the canons of Wells and he had 1411.
letters of installation and induction.

300. Aug. 22. Evercrich. The bishop directed his letters Fol. 52.
to the archdeacon of Wells for the induction of Sir Richard Bochard, priest, into the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Kynmersdon to which he has been instituted by Robert, bishop of Salisbury, pursuant to the bishop's commission to the latter on 2 August for an exchange of this vicarage for the vicarage of Compton Chamberleyn which Sir Robert then held, at the presentation of brother Walter Grendon, prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England; and received the canonical obedience of the presentee.

301. Aug. 27. Evercrych. He received the canonical obedience of Sir Nicholas Sawyer, priest, instituted on the 25th day of the month in the ministry of the parish church of Culve by the abbot of Shirburn pursuant to a commission to him of 23 August for an exchange of benefices between him, then parson of the parish church of Thornford of the diocese of Salisbury and the abbot's peculiar jurisdiction, and Sir John Corbyn, minister of Culve, at the presentation of the lady Alice Stury; and demanded his induction by the archdeacon of Taunton.

302. Ut fructus hospitalis Sancti Johannis Bristollensis expendantur circa reparacionem ejusdem.

Nicholaus etc. dilectis in Christo filiis domino Waltero Rodney, militi, et domino Roberto Fitz James, rectori ecclesie parochialis de Bacwell, et Thome Blount nostre diocesis ac Johanni Barstable de Bristollo, salutem etc. Cum nos nuper domum sive hospitale Sancti Johannis Bristollensis dicte nostre diocesis auctoritate nostra ordinaria actualiter visitantes, fama publica referente et facti notorietate testante, intelleximus dictam domum sive hospitale in bonis suis mobilibus et immobilibus per malam gubernacionem et administracionem inconsultam cujusdam fratris Johannis Seyntpoull, olim pretensi magistri sive custodis ejusdem, quasi irrecuperabiliter esse delapidatam et consumptam, in anime sue grave periculum ac Christi pauperum qui ibidem sustentari deberent non modicum dispendium et jacturam, cupientesque quantum in nobis fuit

1411. hujusmodi periculis obviare omnes et singulos fructus, redditus et proventus dicti hospitalis ne extunc dilapidacionis incomodo supponi debuissent sequestravimus, justicia id poscente, ac eosdem fructus sub vestra arta et tuta custodia mandavimus conservari, verum quia in presenti gravissima querela ad nostrum pervenit auditum quod ecclesia dicti hospitalis ac mansa et edificia ad ipsum spectancia non modicam minantur ruinam intantum quod nisi circa reparacionem ejusdem celerius provideatur ipsius hospitalis inevitabilis desolacio subsequetur verisimiliter. Vobis igitur committimus et mandamus quatinus
Fol. 52*d*. hujusmodi fructus, redditus et proventus, tam perceptos quam percipiendos, in quorumcumque manibus existant levetis seu levari faciatis, eosdem circa ipsius hospitalis emendacionem providorum virorum Johannis Stephenes et Johannis Spyne dicte ville Bristolli fideliter impendentes quousque aliter de dicto hospitali duximus providendum; inhibentes sub pena excommunicacionis majoris ne quis sequestrum nostrum hujusmodi quovis modo presumat temere violare. Et quid feceritis in premissis nos congruo loco et tempore debite certificetis presencium cum tenore. Data in manerio nostro de Woky, primo die mensis Septembris, 1411, et nostre translacionis anno quarto.

303. Sept. 1. Woky. The bishop having received a presentation by brother William Lane, master of the house or hospital of St. Mark Bullyswyk by Bristol, of the diocese of Worcester, and the brethren of that place, of Sir Thomas Grys to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Stoclond Gaunt, because of an exchange to be made of the same for the parish church of Norton by Malmesbury of the diocese of Salisbury, committed the business of the exchange to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, and a certificate upon the execution of the commission was brought to him at Dogmersfeld, on 8 September, that he, in his manor of Cherdestoke, on 4 September, received the resignation of Sir Robert Scoyt of the said vicarage of Stoclond and instituted the said Sir Thomas therein according to the form of the legatine constitutions. Sir Thomas then took the oath of canonical obedience and had letters of induction.

304. Sept. 2. Woky. The bishop collated to Sir Richard Mason, priest, the perpetual chantry for the soul of Robert Wambergh, sometime archdeacon of Wells, at the altar of Corpus Christi in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the death of Sir John Tolvyn ; and instituted him therein. 1411.

305. Sept. 11. London. The bishop instituted Sir John Bonvalett, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Cory Ryvell, vacant by the death of Roger Sygar ; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bustelesham of the diocese of Salisbury.

306. Sept. 12. Same place. The bishop granted to John Waryn, sub-deacon of the diocese of Wells, letters dimissory to the holy orders of the diaconate and the priesthood to be received from any catholic bishop titled in England. Fol. 53.

307. Sept. 16. The bishop granted an indulgence of forty days to all his parishioners giving charitable assistance to Joan Fuller for the ransom of Thomas Fuller of Somerby of the diocese of Norwich, imprisoned at Seynt Maloue in France.

308. Sept. 17. In the place abovesaid. The bishop granted to Henry Dyer of the diocese of Wells, deacon, letters dimissory to the order of the priesthood in the usual form.

309. Sept. 21. Westminster. Writ of the king to bishop Nicholas of summons to a Parliament to be held at Westminster on the morrow of All Souls. [*Summons to Parliament, Dugdale*, p. 384.]

Forma execucionis brevis supradicti.

Nicholaus etc dilecto in Christo filio archidiacono nostro Wellensi seu ejus officiali salutem etc. Breve etc recepimus, ut supra. Hujus autem brevis pretextu vos premunimus ac per vos universos et singulos abbates et priores totumque clerum vestri archidiaconatus unacum toto clero nostre diocesis predicte per duos procuratores ydoneos die et loco in dicto brevi contentis, scilicet vos, archidiacone predicte, personaliter in dicto Parliamento intersitis et intersint, ut prefertur, prout natura dicti brevis exigit et requirit. Data sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Dogmersfeld etc.

1411. Sub consimili forma emanarunt mandata presidenti capitulo ecclesie Wellensis, decano ibidem absente, ac priori Bathoniensi et archidiaconis Bathoniensi, Tantoniensi et Glastonensi, mutatis mutandis.

310. Sept. 24. London. The bishop instituted Sir Walter Derlet, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Sampford Arundell, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Mason; at the presentation of Mary, abbess, and the convent of Canonlegh of the diocese of Exeter.

Fol. 53*d*. 311. Sept. 26. Dogmersfeld. On receipt of a presentation by John Stourton, esquire, of Sir Richard Wete of Brampton, priest, to the parish church of Radestoke because of an exchange to be made thereof for the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Estgaston of the diocese of Salisbury then held by the presentee, bishop Nicholas committed the business of such exchange to Robert bishop of Salisbury; and on 28 September at the same place he received the latter's certificate upon the execution of the commission that, on 27 September, in the manor of Sonning he received the resignation of Sir William de Dalton of the church of Radestoke and instituted Sir Richard therein. The latter then took the oath of obedience to bishop Nicholas and had letters for his induction.

312. Oct. 10. Same place. The bishop granted to Robert Langebrok and Christian, his wife, licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated before them or either of them in a chapel or decent oratory in the dwelling-place of John Warmwelle at Newton Sarmavile in the parish of Yevele.

313. Nov. 6. London. The bishop, in furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Robert Toth, rector of the parish church of St. John, Ivelcestre, and Nicholas Norys, rector of the parish church of St. Mary the Great, Ivelcestre, instituted the former in the church of St. Mary of his own collation, and the latter in the church of St. John, at the presentation of the king.

314. Nov. 7. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by Edward, duke of York, of Sir John Clere *alias* Smyth, priest,

to the church of Lymyngton, because of an exchange of that 1411.
benefice for the sub-deanery of Salisbury which Sir John then held, the bishop commanded an inquisition to be taken by the official of the archdeacon of Wells touching the right of the presenter and the other articles usual in such cases, and on return of a certificate of such inquisition shewing that the duke is patron for this turn in right of his wardship of Thomas Fol. 54.
Bonevile son and heir of Sir William Bonevyle, knight, the bishop committed to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of the said exchange; and on the latter's certificate that on 14 November in his inn at London he instituted Sir John in the church after receiving the resignation of Sir John Hullyng, last rector of the same, on 15 November, at London, he received the canonical obedience of the presentee and ordered that he be inducted.

315. Nov. 12. Same place. The bishop granted licence of non-residence for one year to Sir John Woborne, rector of the parish church of Templecombe, attendant on the king's service, provided that the chancel and rectory &c be kept in repair in the meantime.

316. As above. The bishop received letters of Richard, bishop of London, containing a mandate of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, for the summoning of the convocation of the province in the church of St. Paul, London, on 1 December next, &c, and demanded execution of the said letters as above in a like case. And after that a certificate of the execution of the letters was sent to the archbishop.

317. As above. The bishop granted licence of non-residence for one year to Sir John Prat, rector of the parish church of Hemyngton, attendant on the service of the lady of Hungerford and Sir Walter de Hungerford, knight.

318. Nov. 26. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by Master John Hody, precentor of Wells, to Sir William Colbat, priest, vicar of Bremulham of the diocese of Salisbury, of the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Henton Monachorum because of an exchange to be made for the said

1411. church of Bremulham, the bishop committed to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of the said exchange, and on 28 November, on return in London of a certificate of the latter that he had accordingly received the resignation of Sir John atte Water, last vicar of Henton Monachorum and instituted Sir William in the said church of Henton, the latter took the oath of obedience to him and had letters of induction.

Fol. 54*d*. 319. Dec. 10. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by Sir Thomas Pomeray, knight, of Nicholas Sturgyon to the free chapel of Alveston, *alias* Alwarton, the bishop commanded inquisition to be made by Master John Tyssebury, his commissary general, in full chapter, upon the vacancy, the right of the presenter and the presentee and other articles usual in such cases.

320. Dec. 15. London. The bishop instituted Sir John Hawey, priest, in the perpetual chantry of St. Mary, Wollavyngton, founded for the soul of Gilbert de Wollavyngton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Thomas Wyllyng, last chaplain of the same; at the presentation of Richard Clopton.

321. Dec. 18. Same place. He instituted Master John Hody, bachelor in laws, as rector of the parish church of Pulle, vacant by the resignation of Sir Richard Trevethik; at the presentation of the king.

322. Dec. 21. Same place. He instituted Master John Orum, professor of theology, as rector of the parish church of Rode; at the presentation of the king.

323. Jan. 8. 1411–12. Dogmersfeld. He licensed Master John Possell, provost of Oryell College of the University of Oxford, to preach the Word of God everywhere in the diocese in fit places; during his pleasure.

324. Jan. 16. Dogmersfeld. On receipt of the inquisition of Master John Tyssebury upon the vacancy of the said free chapel of Alveston, *alias* Alwarton, the bishop &c.

Fol. 55 and 55*d*. [*Blank*.]

325. Jan. 19. Dogmersfeld. On receipt of a presentation by John Gerard, esquire, of Sir Roger Cole, priest, to the parish church of Kyngton Maundevyle, vacant by the death of Sir John Garlond, the bishop commanded inquisition to be made by the official of the archdeacon of Wells touching the vacancy, the right of the presenter and the presentee &c; and on 26 January at the same place, on return of a certificate of such inquisition making for the presenter and the presentee in all things, he instituted Sir Roger as rector of the said church. 1412. Fol. 56.

326. Feb. 1. London. The bishop instituted Sir Robert Perys, priest, as rector of the parish church of Charlecombe, vacant by the death of Sir John Trekford; at the presentation of Thomas Rugge, esquire.

327. Jan. 13. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by Sir Edmund de la Pole, 'chivaler,' and Robert Bolton, clerk, of Sir Geoffrey Ipplepenne, priest, to the church of Norton subtus Hamedon because of an exchange to be made of the same for the parish church of Endeburne of the diocese of Salisbury, which Geoffrey then held, the bishop committed to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of the exchange; and, on 18 January, on return of a certificate of the latter that on 15 January, in the manor of Poterne, after receiving the resignation of Sir William Supplet of Egynton, rector of Norton aforesaid, he instituted Sir Geoffrey in the said church, he received the canonical obedience of the presentee and commanded his induction.

328. Feb. 24. Same place. The bishop received the resignation of Sir William Pylton, rector or warden of the chapel of Blakeford, and collated that chapel to Sir Adam Bacon, priest, and instituted him as rector or warden thereof. He took the oath of obedience and had letters for his induction directed to the rector of Baggeworth.

329. As above. The bishop collated to Sir William Jakes, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Combe sexta in the church of Wells, vacant by the resignation of John Kyngman, clerk; and invested him as canon and prebendary by delivery of his biretta. Fol. 56d.

1412. 330. March 3. Dogmersfeld. The bishop instituted Sir John Waryner, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Banewell, vacant by the death of Sir John Cockyng; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton. Sir John took the oath of obedience and had letters for his induction, directed to the archdeacon of Wells and Master Richard Bruton the bishop's official.

331. Bath. The bishop granted to John Westley, acolyte, letters dimissory to the order of the sub-diaconate only from any catholic bishop titled in England.

332. March 24. Evercrych. On receipt of a presentation by Reynold de Halle esquire, of Sir Henry Colas, priest, to the parish church of Porteshed, the bishop commanded an inquisition of the place to be made in full chapter by Master John Tyssebury, his commissary general, touching the right of patronage &c.

SEQUITUR ANNUS DOMINI MILLESIMUS CCCC^{mus} DUODECIMUS ET TRANSLACIONIS DICTI REVERENDI PATRIS SUPRADICTO [IV^{to}].

333. March 25. The bishop, in furtherance of a commission to him of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, dated in his manor of Criditon, 8 March 1411–12, for exchange of benefices between Master Ellis Stoke, rector of the parish church of Greynton, of the diocese of Wells, and Sir Robert Marescall, rector of the parish church of St. Mary de Gradibus, Exeter, instituted Sir Robert as rector of the church of Greynton, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

Fol. 57. SEQUITUR ANNUS TRANSLACIONIS QUINTUS.

334. April 13. Wyvelescombe. The bishop received a writ of the king, dated at Westminster, 16 March, 13 Henry IV, not to admit to the vacant church of Porteshed, in respect of the advowson of which there is a dispute in his court between Thomas de Berkeley, 'chivaler,' and Reynold Halle, until it shall have been discussed in court whether the advowson pertains to Thomas or Reynold.

335. Same day. Brugg[ewater]. The bishop granted for one year to Sir Baldwin Malet, knight, licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in the presence of himself or of Avice, his wife, anywhere in the diocese by any fit chaplain so that the place be apt for this and of good repute. 1412.

336. Nicholaus etc dilecte in Christo filie domine Margerie Fitz Nichol, moniali de Barwe, nuper priorisse ibidem, nostre diocesis, salutem, etc. Cum ad aures nuper nostras pervenit quod tu observancias tuorum ordinis et professionis regulares observare et subire nedum recusasti, sicuti adhuc recusas, set, accidie dedita, horis nocturnis et diurnis, cum comode poteris interesse distulisti et disfers in presenti in anime tue periculum et regule tui ordinis predicti violacionem manifestam. Tibi igitur mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatinus horis nocturnis et diurnis, juxta ordinis et professionis tuorum predictis observancias regulares cum comode poteris, senio vel infirmitate corporale absentandi causam nullatenus ministrante de cetero, juxta regulam et observancias predictas, debite intersis prout decet, in futuro. Data apud Keynsham etc.

337. April 16. Evercrich. The bishop granted to Master John Bernard, sub-deacon, rector of the parish church of Claverton, of the bishop's collation, attending schools in the university of Oxford, licence of non-residence for one year, according to the chapter *Cum ex eo*.

338. Forma relaxacionis interdicti propter predicacionem cujusdam Lollardi interpositi.

Nicholaus etc. salutem. etc. Cum experiencia rerum omnium opifice effectualiter experimur quod cruor fusus ille letiferus zizamine nuper per satorem fidem dilanians nostram orthodoxam ecclesie normam diffamavit mistice nostre matris dum quidam secte nepharie, inobediencie filii, pseudo-prophete, Lollardi nuncupati, facies diversas habentes caudas tamen adinvicem colligatas, ad instar Sathane in angelum se Lucis transformantis, verum scripture sacre intellectum ad usum privatum non communem tum per ignorancie nebulam tum cornuti Luciferi superbiam nequiter pervertentes per mentita suffragia esse virtutes vicia

1412. mentientes opinionibus veritati contrariis inter Christicolas ut precones Antechristi discordias jam immittunt. Quapropter omnes taliter predicantes sine licencia previa examinacioneque legali ut fructum plus afferant in ecclesia per quam predicandi habitas comprobatur sunt excommunicati a jure, loca eciam in quibus talia predicantur sunt ecclesiastico, ipso facto, supposita interdicto sicque interdicta remanebunt quousque predicatores
Fol. 57*d*. admittentes seu predicare permittentes se emendaverint et per loci diocesanum ipsum interdictum optineant in debita juris forma relaxari. Hinc est quod dilectorum in Christo filiorum N. et V. etc. ecclesiasticum interdictum in ecclesiam parochialem de Crukern predictis causis expremissis a jure latum et per nos pulverem de pedibus nostris excutere peroptantes sic interdictum declaratam humiliter in debita juris forma relaxari petencium precibus inclinati predictum interdictum in forma juris relaxamus per presentes relaxacionemque nostram predictam in ecclesia predicta intra missarum solempnia ut premissorum omnium ignorancia penitus extricetur publicari volumus solempniter et mandamus, vobis insuper conjunctim et divisim firmiter injungendo committimus et mandamus quatinus dominum Johannem Bacon, nuper capellanum de Stoke subtus Hamedon nostre diocesis, per predicacionem suam contra juris formam in loco antedicto causam et fomentum interdicti hujusmodi ministrantem, fore et esse a jure excommunicatum, necnon propter suas multiplicatas et manifestas contumacias in non comparendo coram nobis certis die et loco, ad quos eciam per nos de consensu dicti Johannis expresso ad comparendum coram nobis fuerat evocatus, excommunicaverimus, justicia suadente, ipsumque sic excommunicatum dupplici funiculo alligatum publice et solempniter intra missarum solempnia, cum major populi fuerit multitudo in eadem, denuncietis seu denunciari faciatis, ab hujusmodi denunciacione non cessantes donec aliud a nobis super hoc habueritis in mandatis. Data sub sigillo nostro etc secundum. Wellie.

Consimilia mandata emanarunt ecclesiarum parochianis de Stoke subtus Hamedon, Seventon Michaelis, Whitlakyngton, Ilmynstre, Shepton Beauchamp, Kyngesbury, Langport et Huwyssh et Alre in diocesi predicta ex causa predicta ecclesiastico suppositarum interdicto etc.

339. Commissio registrarii consistorii Wellensis. 1412.

Nicholaus etc. dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Willelmo Brett, clerico, publico auctoritate apostolica notario, salutem etc. De tua fidelitate et industria plenam in Domino fiduciam optinentes ad scribenda, registranda et fideliter inactitanda quecumque acta judicialia et processus causarum et negociorum in consistorio nostro Wellensi motarum sive movendarum, necnon testes quoscumque in quibuscumque causis et negociis hujusmodi in dicto nostro consistorio qualitercumque productos, admissos, et in forma jurandorum testium juratos et nondum examinatos, producendosque admittendos et, ut prefertur, jurandos, in forma juris examinandos, eorumque dicta et deposiciones legitime concordandas, omniaque alia et singula facienda, exercenda et expedienda que ad dicti consistorii nostri registrarii actorum scribe et examinatoris generalis officium conjunctim vel divisim pertinere dinoscuntur, tibi, de premissis fideliter faciendo et exercendo coram nobis personaliter ad sancta Dei euangelia jurato, plenam in Domino committimus potestatem, teque registrariorum nostrorum et aliorum actorum, munimentorum seu instrumentorum quorumcumque que ad usum consistoriorum nostrorum in diocesi nostra pertinent seu pertinere poterunt et ipsorum consistoriorum nostrorum actorum scribam ac examinatorem generalem tenore presencium preficimus et deputamus, ita quod omnia emolumenta ad officium hujusmodi pertinencia libere percipere valeas quamdiu nobis placuerit et te laudabiliter gesseris in eodem. In cujus etc. Data in palacio nostro Wellensi decimo nono die mensis Aprilis mccccxij, anno nostrae translacionis quinto.

340. Commissio ad admittendam resignacionem vicarii de Cryche et limitandam porcionem resignanti. Fol. 58.

Nicholaus etc Magistris Johanni Hody, precentori, et Johanni Tyssebury, canonico, ecclesie nostre Wellensis, salutem etc. Supplicavit nobis dilectus in Christo filius dominus Walterus Gregory, vicarius perpetuus ecclesie parochialis de Cryche, nostre diocesis, inhabilem, inutilem se penitus et indignum ad curam dicte vicarie sibi commissam, ipsumque dictam vicariam et curam ejusdem ex causis legitimis ipsum ad hoc moventibus se velle deserere et re et verbo dimittere asserens et affirmans

1412. quatinus dicte vicarie renunciacionem et resignacionem in manusque nostras realem dimissionem faciendas admittere et sibi sue sustentacioni quoad vixerit necessariis ex gracia nostra speciali providere celeriter dignaremur. Nos tamen, licet pluries ad hujusmodi resignacionem admittendam hucusque deficiles reddebamus, considerantes in materia quod vergente deorsum condicione corporea spiritus ad sublimiora conscendit, pluribus tamen dicti domini Walteri peticionibus, supplicacionibus, importunitateque devicti, clamoribus propulsati, volentes unumquemque et presertim dictum Walterum in suis peticionibus prout convenit, expedire, necnon eidem in omnibus justiciam ministrare, ad admittendas igitur et recipiendas dicti domini Walteri vicarii, procuratorisve sui indubitati ad hoc specialiter constituti, resignacionem, dimissionem sive renunciacionem, de vicaria sua antedicta in manus nostras, ut prefertur, faciendas, cessante tamen ex parte dicti vicarii necnon aliorum quorumcumque in hujusmodi resignacionis negocio omni scrupulo suspicionis sinistre quatenus per vos poterit concipi vel perpendi in quo vestras consciencias Summo coram Judice intimius oneramus, beneficiumque hujusmodi vacare decernendum, per verum eciam patronum ad dictam vicariam presentacionem et presentatum admittendos, ac ipsum presentatum in forma juris instituendum inducique demandandum, inductum insuper defendendum porcionemque dicto domino Waltero de fructibus et proventibus dicte vicarie, consideratis primitus facultatibus et oneribus ejusdem, per vos in debita juris forma assignandam congruam et honestam, et per censuras ecclesiasticas in eventum limitacionis predicte per incumbentem quoad vixerit fideliter persolvendam, vobis conjunctim et divisim, de quorum fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria plene confidimus, committimus vices nostras per presentes, mandantes quatenus de omni eo quod feceritis in premissis, dicto negocio expedito seu quovis obstaculo prepedito, nos distincte et aperte certificetis literis vestris patentibus harum et processus vestri seriem continentibus authentico sub sigillo. Data sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Evercrich 16 April, 1412, etc.

Deinde vero xx^mo^ die mensis Maii, apud Londonium reportatum fuit certificatorium prefatorum commissariorum de et super modo et forma processus per eosdem et coram eis in hac

parte habiti, per quod clare liquet qualiter iidem commissarii 1412.
auctoritate eis commissa, recepta per eosdem in ecclesia parochiali de Cheden, dicte diocesis, resignacione domini Walteri Gregory, vicarii perpetui ecclesie parochialis de Cryche predicte, secundo die mensis Maii supradicti, de vicaria sua antedicta in manibus suis sponte et simpliciter facta, tercio die ejusdem mensis Maii in dicta ecclesia de Cheden dominum Willelmum Weston, presbyterum, ad eandem vicariam perpetuam ad presentacionem religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus Montis Acuti ejusdem diocesis, verorum ipsius vicarie patronorum, admiserunt ipsumque vicarium perpetuum de personaliter et Fol. 58*d*.
continue inibi residendo juxta formam constitucionum dominorum Othonis et Ottoboni quondam sedis apostolice in Anglia legatorum juratum, cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis auctoritate qua supra instituerunt canonice in eisdem, curam animarum etc. juribus etc. prestito primitus per eosdem dominum Walterum, resignantem, et Willelmum Weston, juramento corporali quod non intervenit in hac parte simoniaca pravitas nec aliqua paccio illicita. Qui quidem dominus Willelmus juravit canonicam obedienciam domino tunc ibidem et habuit literas institucionis et ad inducendum eundem archidiacono Tantonensi seu ejus officiali directas; ac subsequenter tunc ibidem, eisdem die et loco, prefati domini commissarii, auctoritate prenotata, tam de consensu expresso prefati Willelmi Weston, vicarii moderni, tunc ibidem coram eis personaliter comparentis, quam dictorum religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus Montis Acuti, dicte ecclesie de Cryche proprietariorum ac vicarie ejusdem patronorum, tunc ibidem per Magistrum Andream Marchaunt, dicte ecclesie de Cheden rectorem, ipsorum procuratorem in hac parte sufficienter et legitime constitutum, procuratorium suum hujusmodi realiter exhibentem et sub sigillo communi eorumdem prioris et conventus sigillatum penes dictos commissarios dimittentem, quandam ordinacionem de et super sustentacione prefati domini Walteri, resignantis, dum vixerit fecerunt, et ordinarunt et statuerunt et decreverunt quod idem dominus Walterus Gregory, singulis annis durante vita sua, percipiet de fructibus et proventibus dicte vicarie de Cryche quamdam annuam pensionem viginti marcarum sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos principales ad terminum vite sue per

1412. dictum Willelmum Weston, vicarium modernum, et successores suos per equales porciones fideliter persolvendam, incipiente prima solucione quinque marcarum ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo tunc futurum, et quocumque tempore anni idem dominus Walterus decesserit vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit dicte vicarie solvet proximo termino principali sequente mortem hujusmodi executoribus ejusdem Walteri quinque marcas pro debitis suis solvendis etc. Habebit quoque idem Walterus cameram de novo constructam pone alias prope ostium aule dicte vicarie et aisiamentum, si voluerit, tam in aula quam in coquina, ac stabulo pro uno equo cum libero introitu et egressu etc. absque reparacione earumdem per ipsum facienda etc. Habebit eciam idem Walterus pro tota vita sua focalia sufficiencia pro camera sua et escis suis in coquina parandis per dictum dominum Willelmum et successores suos sibi ministranda; alia in forma consueta.

341. April 19. Wells. Collacio domorum vicariorum infra clausum Wellie. Prenominatus reverendus pater contulit Hamundo Tracy, vicario in choro Wellensi perpetuo, primam domum; Johanni Chambre, vicario perpetuo ibidem xiiij cameram; Johanni Wyntout vicario perpetuo ibidem xviij cameram ex parte orientali clausi vicariorum ibidem; Willelmo Tuwe, terciam; Stephano Glasyer, xiiij, et Stephano Chapman, sextam, ex parte occidentali ejusdem clausi, ab ecclesia computando, per ipsos inhabitandas forma subsequenti. Nicholaus etc. N. etc. salutem etc. Cameram primam ex parte orientali clausi vicariorum ibidem ab ecclesia nostra predicta computando, quam dominus Johannes Bakenham dicte ecclesie nostre vicarius nuper inhabitavit, jam vacantem et ad nostram collacionem spectantem, tibi quamdiu ejusdem ecclesie nostre vicarius fueris et ipsam personaliter inhabitare volueris ac bone et conversacionis honeste extiteris possidendam conferimus intuitu caritatis, injungentes ut dictam cameram repares, reficias, manuteneas, et cooperias competenter: volentes insuper quod quandocumque dictam cameram absque causa racionabili per nos vel successores nostros approbanda inhabitare per unum annum dimiseris extunc dicta camera perpetuo sis privatus. Data sub sigillo nostro in palacio nostro Wellie 19 April, 1412. etc.

342. April 21. Bristol. On receipt of a presentation by John Chesulden of Sir John Stokes, priest, to the parish church of Penne because of an exchange made of that church for the church or chapel of Folk by Shirborn of the diocese of Salisbury, which Sir John then held, the bishop committed the business of the exchange to the abbot of Shirborn, canon and prebendary of Shirborn in the church of Salisbury, and on return of a certificate by him in London on 16 May that, pursuant to the commission, he, on 26 April, in his monastery, received the resignation of Sir William Modeford, rector of the said church of Penne, and instituted Sir John Stokes as rector in the same, commanded his induction by the archdeacon of Wells. 1412. Fol. 59.

343. May 4. London. On receipt of a presentation by John, prior, and the chapter of Bath of Sir Thomas Houchon, priest, to the parish church of Prysshton, because of an exchange to be made of that church for the parish church of Sulhampstede Abbatis of the diocese of Salisbury, which Thomas then held, the bishop committed the business of such exchange to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, and on return of a certificate of the latter on 6 May that he had that day received the resignation by Sir Henry Turpyn of the said church of Prysshton and instituted Sir Thomas Houchon as rector therein, he received the canonical obedience of the latter and commanded his induction.

344. May 6. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir John Sneynton, priest, as rector of the parish church of Sandefordbryt, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Sneynton, clerk; at the presentation of Master Richard Courtenay, clerk, dean of Wells.

Incipit xvij° die infrascripto quintus annus pontificatus Johannis pape vicesimi tercii. Fol. 59*d*.

345. May 13. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by John Aunger, esquire, of Sir William Play, priest, to the parish church of Aungeryslegh *alias* Knyghteslegh because of an exchange to be made of that church with the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Wynterbornestoke of the diocese of Salisbury, the bishop committed the business of that exchange to Robert, bishop of Salisbury; and on receipt on 17 May of

1412. the latter's certificate that on 16 May, in his inn at London, he instituted Sir William as rector of the said church, vacant by the resignation of Sir Richard Uphulle, he received the obedience of the same Sir William and commanded his induction.

346. May 18. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir William Derham, priest, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry of the Holy Ghost, Cherleton Adam, vacant by the resignation of Sir Roger Cole; at the presentation of Nicholas Poulet, esquire.

347. May 19. Same place. The bishop instituted Master John Luffenham, deacon, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Curry Revel, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Bonvalet; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bustelesham Mountagu of the diocese of Salisbury.

348. May 24. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Thomas Hayward, priest, as rector of the parish church of Porteshed, at the presentation of lord Thomas, lord of Berkeley, knight.

349. May 27. Same place. He granted to John Goldryng, sub-deacon of his diocese, letters dimissory to the holy order of the diaconate only, to be received from any catholic bishop.

Fol. 60. 350. June 2. Same place. He granted to Master William Baret, Master in Arts, dwelling at Yevele, to preach the Word of God in suitable places, anywhere in the diocese; during pleasure.

351. June 25. Same place. He instituted Sir William Benet, priest, as rector of the parish church of Bathialton, vacant by the death of Sir William Dorcetre; at the presentation of Elizabeth late the wife of Sir John Poulet, knight, Adam Crydy and William Poulet the younger, patrons for this turn because Margaret now the wife of John Chidderlegh, esquire, sometime relict of John Dorcetre, lord of the lordship of Bathialton, and afterwards of Thomas Poulet, enfeoffed them of her estate in the lordship and lands in Bathialton with the advowson of the

said church, as appears by an inquisition thereof taken by the archdeacon of Taunton. 1412.

352. June 30. Same place. On receipt of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Master Alexander Bagenham, rector of the parish church of Staple, and Sir John Kyngton *alias* Warwyk, dean of the collegiate church of Westbury of the said bishop's diocese, bishop Nicholas received the resignation by Robert Fyssheborne, proctor of Master Alexander, of the church of Staple, and instituted Sir John in the person of Thomas Russell, literate, his proctor, in the same, at the presentation of Sir Robert Ponyges, knight, lord of Ponyges.

353. July 1. Same place. Bishop Nicholas wrote to the king's majesty for the taking of the body of Agnes Davy, a woman, of the parish of Mulverton, who has been excommunicated for forty days and upwards.

354. July 25. Same place. He collated to Sir William Benet the parish church of Bathialton, by lapse; and instituted him therein.

355. Commissio ad absolvendum excommunicatum. Fol. 60*d*.

Nicholaus etc. Magistris Johanni Hody, precentori, Ricardo Bruton, cancellario, et Johanni Tyssebury, ecclesie nostre Wellensis canonicis, salutem etc. Accedens ad nos dominus Johanne Puet capellanus de Stokecursy nostre diocesis qui, ut asserit, instinctu fraudis diabolice infra ecclesiam de Stokecursy predicta manus in dominum Johannem Horn, presbiterum, ibidem commorantem usque ad sanguinis effusionem injecit temere violentas, sentenciam majoris excommunicacionis a canone in ea parte latam dampnabiliter incurrendo, se ab eadem sentencia excommunicacionis humiliter et cum instancia debita absolvi a nobis supplicavit. Verum quia dicti certificantis unde assercioni in tam grandi et arduo negocio, presertim in foro contencioso, absque pleniori informacione fidem indubiam adhibere non valemus et dicti negocii veritas in loco delicti commissi facilius, plenius et verius, poterit eliquere, hinc est quod vobis, de quorum fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria plene confidimus, ad inquirendum de et super omnibus et singulis

1412. circumstanciis dictum negocium qualitercumque concernentibus, servatis in ea parte debite observandis ; et, si vobis sufficienter constare poterit ad nos episcopali auctoritate dicti domini Johannis Puet absolucio de jure debeat pertinere, ad absolvendum in debita juris forma eundem dominum Johannem a sentencia excommunicacionis majoris in ipsum occasione premissorum a canone latam, penitenciamque salutarem sibi juxta qualitatem et circumstanciis negocii antedicti injungendam et imponendam committimus vices nostras. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Data in manerio nostro de Dogmersfeld penultimo die mensis Julii etc.

356. Eisdem die etc. idem reverendus pater commisit reverendo etc. Johanni, Dei gracia Landavensi episcopo, potestatem reconciliandi ecclesiam de Stokecursy per sanguinis effusionem pollutam in forma communi.

357. Aug. 5. Same place. The bishop set forward an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Romyn, rector of the parish church of Egforton *alias* Fayroke, and William Hawkyn, perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Eston in Gordano, and instituted the latter in the church of Egforton, at the presentation of Richard Paveley, esquire; and the latter in the church of Eston in Gordano, at the presentation of Master Walter Dolbear canon of the cathedral church of Wells and prebendary of Eston aforesaid in the same.

Fol. 61. 358. Breve regium de deputando collectores dimidie decime.

Henricus, etc. N. etc. salutem. Cum vos ceterique confratres vestri ac prelati et clerus Cantuariensis provincie, in ultima convocacione prelatorum et cleri hujusmodi in ecclesia cathedrali sancti Pauli Londoniensi primo die mensis Decembris proximo preterito incepta et usque decimum nonum diem ejusdem mensis de diebus in dies continuata, nobis unam dimidiam decimam de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis ad decimam taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis, solvendam ad festum sancti Martini episcopi in hieme proximo futurum concesseritis et concesserint persolvendam, proviso tamen quod eadem dimidia decima citra festum sancti Michaelis proximo futurum nullo modo levetur, nec iidem prelati et clerus aliqua nova exaecione interim

graventur, nec pro bonis seu possessionibus suis aliquibus ad 1412.
decimam solvere consuetis ad solucionem concessam in ultimo parliamento nostro per communitatem ab eisdem prelatis et clero aliquid exigatur, et exceptis eciam bonis et beneficiis pauperum monialium, hospitalariorum, ac bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis per guerras seu inundaciones aquarum destructis seu nimium diminutis super quibus stetur omnino literis ordinariorum inde certificancium, ac in speciali monasterio de Swyneshed, Lincolniensis diocesis, et de Stanley, Sarisburiensis diocesis, necnon beneficiis pauperum monialium sancti Sepulcri Cantuariensi, ac de Davyngton, ac sororum hospitalis sancti Jacobi juxta Cantuariam, ecclesiaque parochiali de Stonore, Cantuariensis diocesis, ac prioratu monialium de Mallyng Roffensis diocesis, nimium depauperatis, dumtaxat exceptis; vobis mandamus quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestre diocesis, pro quibus respondere volueritis, ad dimidiam decimam predictam in eadem diocesi vestra juxta formam concessionis predicte levandam et colligendam, prout moris est, assignari et deputari faciatis, ita quod nobis de dicta dimidia decima ad dictum festum sancti Martini in forma predicta respondeatur thesaurario et baronibus de scaccario nostro; de nominibus illorum quos ad hoc deputaveritis citra primum diem Augusti proximo futurum, ad ultimum, distincte et aperte certificantes. Et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum diligitis nullatenus omittatis. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium secundo die Junii anno regni nostri terciodecimo.

Execution of the aforesaid writ.

The present writ of the king was received at Dogmersfeld on the sixth day of August and on the eighth day of the same month there went out a commission to the abbot and convent of Muchelney to levy and collect the half tenth in the diocese, and on the same day the treasurer and barons were certified of the names of the collectors appointed.

359. Aug. 19. In the place named above. The bishop instituted Master William Brett, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Thornecoffyn, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Gome, at the presentation of John Credy, esquire.

360. Aug. 20. Same place. He instituted Sir Roger

1412. Berd, priest, as rector of the parish church of Tymbresbergh, vacant by the death of Sir John Meire, at the presentation of the lady Eleanor de Sancto Amando.

Fol. 61*d*. 361. Sept. 6. Woky. He granted to Hugh Forde and John Croft of his diocese, having the first tonsure only, letters dimissory to all orders, as well minor as holy, not yet obtained, from any catholic bishop titled in the realm.

362. Nono die mensis et anni proximo predictorum loco quo supra, idem reverendus pater concessit omnibus parochianis suis, vere confessis et contritis, et aliis quorum diocesani etc. qui ad reparacionem calceti de Bledeney, Christi fidelibus inibi necessario itinerantibus eorumque vecturis admodum tediosi, aliqua de bonis suis etc. contulerint etc. xl dies indulgencie tociens quociens etc. sub forma consueta.

363. RICHARD, bishop of LONDON to bishop Nicholas.

Aug. 26. Wykham manor. Transmits for execution in his diocese a letter of Thomas archbishop of Canterbury, dated in his palace of Canterbury, 14 August, 1412, commanding that throughout his province processions be made every Wednesday and Friday, with the seven penitential psalms, litanies and prayers, fasting and tears, for the peace and prosperity of the king and realm, the expedition of the king's second son Thomas, duke of Clarence, for the recovery of the duchy of Aquitaine, and that the Most High will turn from us His wrathful indignation, and wars, seditions, mortalities, pestilences, murmurings and dissensions, as well as the darnel, tares and heresies from the church of Christ; and promising forty days of indulgence to those taking part in this. He is to be certified of what is done herein by the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. [*Wilkins*, pp. 337, 338.]

Fol. 62*d*. Sept. 7. Woky. The bishop ordered execution of the foregoing to be observed by the president of the chapter of Wells, the official of the jurisdiction of the dean of Wells, the prior of Bath, the abbot of Glastonbury, and the archdeacons of
Fol. 63. Wells, Bath and Taunton; and granted forty days of indulgence according to the form of the foregoing letters.

Sept. 9. Woky. The tenour of the bishop's certificate to the archbishop that, as directed in the aforesaid mandate received by him on 6 September, he had ordered processions etc. to be made in his diocese until further order; and granted an indulgence of forty days as commanded. 1412.

364. As above. The bishop granted to John Oke of Barton of his diocese, deacon, letters dimissory to the holy order of the priesthood. Fol. 63*d*.

365. Sept. 10. Same place. He granted like letters to brother John Combe, canon of Berlych of the said diocese, sub-deacon, and to John Blech, acolyte, of the same diocese; to the holy order of the diaconate only.

366. Sept. 11. Same place. He granted to William Touker of Taunton of the same diocese, acolyte, like letters to the holy order of the diaconate only.

367. Sept. 13. Wells. The bishop instituted Sir William Smyth, in the person of Hugh Kene, his proctor, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Chiltern Dommer, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Colfox *alias* Lawns, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton, and assigned him for life a pension of 8 marks yearly out of the fruits and profits of the vicarage in form following;—Universis etc. Nicholaus etc. Cum dominus Willelmus Launce *alias* Colfox, nuper vicarius perpetuus ecclesie parochialis de Chilterne Dommer nostre diocesis, per tantum tempus curam et regimen ejusdem vicarie et ecclesie predicte laudabiliter gubernaverit quod ad actuale exercicium ejusdem impresenti et imposterum propter senectutem et corporis sui debilitatem infirmitatesque varias, ut asseruit, verisimiliter duraturas impotens sit effectus, ipseque volens et affectans pocius ab hujusmodi cura et regimine ex causis premissis totaliter exonerari quam gregem Dominicum sibi commissum lupinis morsibus lacerandum exponere, vicariam suam in manus nostras resignavit, tenore presencium vobis innotescimus quod nos consideratis laboribus et bono regimine dicti domini Willelmi circa animarum curam vicarie ecclesie supradicte que dum potuit actenus impendit ac utilitate

1412. ejusdem vicarie cure et ecclesie predictarum quam procuravit et in futuro, duce Domino, poterit procurare, et ne idem dominus Willelmus in ordinis presbiteralis opprobrium mendicaret, eidem domino Willelmo Launce de fructibus, obvencionibus et porcione vicarie ecclesie predicte pensionem annuam octo marcarum legalis monete singulis annis durante vita dicti domini Willelmi ad quatuor anni terminos principales sibi per vicarium ecclesie predicte qui pro tempore fuerit fideliter persolvendam, videlicet in festo Natalis Domini, Annunciacionis Beate Marie, Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste et sancti Michaelis Archangeli equis porcionibus, vocatis omnibus et singulis quorum interest ac specialiter et specie domino Willelmo Smyth in dicta vicaria incumbente, necnon priore et conventu
Fol. 64. monasterii de Bruton, predicte vicarie patronis, de ipsorum domini Willelmi Smyth necnon prioris et conventus consensu et voluntate expressis, auctoritate nostra ordinaria decrevimus, assignavimus, et ordinavimus, per presentesque decernimus, assignamus et ordinamus; quam quidem nostram ordinacionem et decretum fideliter et integre observare, idem dominus Willelmus Smyth pro persona sua, tactis per eum sacrosanctis evangeliis juramentum suum prestitit corporale, volentes eciam et tenore presencium, de dictorum domini Willelmi vicarii moderni necnon prioris et conventus voluntate et consensu expressis, decernentes et decernimus quod successores ejusdem domini Willelmi Smyth omnes et singuli, si qui fuerint durante vita prefati domini Willelmi Launs, dictam annuam pensionem modo et forma supradictis fideliter persolvant iidemque pro personis suis, tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis, prestent et prestabunt modo consimili juramentum corporale. Decernimus insuper et ordinamus auctoritate qua supra, de consensu eciam predictorum domini Willelmi Smyth necnon prioris et conventus de Bruton, quod quocienscumque et quandocumque tempore nostro seu successorum nostrorum hanc nostram ordinacionem contigerit in aliqua sui parte non impleri seu infringi (quod absit) quod extunc liceat nobis tempore nostro et successoribus nostris pro tempore existentibus fructus et proventus quoscumque dicte vicarie sequestrare et eos sub arto et tuto custodire sequestro, donec hec nostra ordinacio juxta formam superius expressatam in omnibus impleatur et effectualiter observetur.

In cujus etc. Data in manerio nostro de Evercrich 14 September, 1412. 1412.

368. Sept. 14. Same place. A commission went out to Master John Tyssebury, canon of Wells, to receive the resignation of Sir Nicholas Gybbes, rector of the parish church of Camelegh, and institute another rector in his place, and to assign a pension to the outgoing rector. Dated in Evercrich manor, 14 September, 1412. Fol. 64*d*.

On 26 September, a certificate of the said commissary was returned that on 24 September the said rector appeared in person before him sitting in judgment in the cathedral church of Wells, asserting that he was not now equal to serve the cure of the church, and he read a resignation thereof reduced to writing and resigned the church, and the commissary admitted the resignation and decreed the church vacant. Then on the same day he instituted Thomas Calf, sub-deacon, in the same, at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath, after Thomas had sworn on the holy gospels that there had been no simoniacal pravity or other unlawful fact in this done by him or any other to his knowledge. And further the commissary, with the express consent of the said Thomas Calf and one Thomas Baker, clerk, proctor of the said prior and chapter, decreed a pension of 6 marks yearly for life to the said Sir Nicholas and made an ordinance thereof in the presence of Sirs William Calf, canon of Wells, John Pokyngton, notary public, and William Pokyngton, priest.

369. Sept. 18. Dogmersfeld. The bishop granted to John Goldryng of his diocese, deacon, letters dimissory to the holy order of the priesthood. Fol. 65.

370. As above. The bishop sent a commission to Alexander, bishop of Norwich, for an exchange of benefices between Sir Thomas Crysale, canon and prebendary of Combe decimaquarta in the cathedral church of Wells, and William Haukesworth, clerk, rector of the parish church of Shymplyng atte Thorn of the diocese of Norwich ; and on 4 October, on receipt at London of the latter bishop's certificate that pursuant to such commission he had collated to William the said canonry and

1412. prebend on 28 September, in his manor of Thorpe by Norwich, William swore obedience to him and had letters of instalment and induction.

371. Oct. 7. London. The bishop wrote to the king's majesty for the taking of the bodies of Sir Walter Bury *alias* Forde, rector of the parish church of Ronyngton, and Joan Tappes, a woman of his diocese, who have been excommunicated by his authority forty days and more.

372. Oct. 9. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by John Arundell of Sir Thomas Dawkyn, priest, to the parish church of Clotworthi, there went out a commission to Master John Tyssebury, commissary general, to make inquisition upon the vacancy etc. and to institute the presentee if the inquisition made for this; and on the last day of the month a certificate was returned in London showing that the commissary general, on 28 October in the cathedral church of Wells, had instituted the latter as rector of the said church at the presentation of the aforesaid John Arundell, patron for this turn, namely alternately with John Langbrook.

Fol. 65*d*. 373. Oct. 13. Same place. The bishop granted to Master John Legh, clerk, of his diocese, having the first tonsure only, letters dimissory to all orders, minor as well as holy, from any catholic bishop titled in the realm.

374. Oct. 14. Same place. He granted licence for one year for John Seynlowe, esquire, to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in the presence of himself and his wife, or either of them, in his oratory in his dwelling-place of Bechewstoke.

375. Dec. 6. Dogmersfeld. The bishop received the king's writ commanding him to be present at a Parliament at Westminster on the morrow of the Purification next, and to warn the dean and chapter of Wells and the prior and chapter of Bath as also the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese that they attend, the dean, prior and archdeacons in person, each of the chapters by one proctor and the clergy by two proctors.

Witness myself at Westminster, 1 December, 14 Henry IV. 1412.
[*Summons to Parliament, Dugdale, p.* 386.]

376. Dec. 18. Woky. In furtherance of a commission received from Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Gervays, priest, rector of the parish church of Sutton Byngham, and John Scheyle, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Dounameney, of the said bishop's diocese, the bishop instituted Sir Thomas in the vicarage of Dounameney at the presentation of brother Walter Grendon, prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England; and Sir John in the church of Sutton Byngham at the presentation of Thomas Kayleway, esquire, patron for this turn.

377. Dec. 16. Woky. In furtherance of an exchange of Fol. 66.
benefices between Sirs Matthew Brennill, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Weston by Bath, and Sir Thomas Hulle, chaplain of the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus in the cathedral church of Wells for the souls of Sir Henry Husee, sometime dean of that church, and others, the bishop instituted Sir Matthew in the said chantry, and Sir Thomas in the said church of Weston at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

378. Dec. 20. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Thomas Whytyng, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Murlynche, vacant by the death of Sir John Smyth; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

379. As above. He collated to Sir Richard Forde, priest, the parish church of Laverton, and instituted him rector in the same: and Richard had letters for his induction, directed to the archdeacon of Wells and Sir Henry, rector of the parish church of Norton St. Philip.

380. Correccio rectoris de Ronyngton.

Eisdem die mense, anno, et loco, videlicet in capella manerii de Woky predicta, coram prefato reverende patre domino Nicholao episcopo supradicto, in negocio correccionis anime domini Walteri Bury alias dicti Forde, rectoris ecclesie parochialis de Ronyngton, Wellensis diocesis, inibi pro tribunali

1412. sedente, comparuit personaliter idem dominus Walterus propter suam multiplicatam contumaciam coram venerabili viro Magistro Johanne Tyssebury, dicti reverendi patris commissario generali in negocio antedicto contractam auctoritate ejusdem reverendi patris excommunicatus et pro tali publice denunciatus, ab eodem reverendo patre humiliter petiit beneficium absolucionis sibi impendi ac juravit ad sancta Dei euangelia, per ipsum tunc ibidem corporaliter tacta de parendo juri et mandatis ecclesie, ac de peragendo penitenciam sibi pro contumacia sua hujusmodi et alias pro suis commissis injungendam. Quem quidem dominum Walterum sic ut prefertur caucionem prestantem idem reverendus pater a sentencia excommunicacionis predicte tunc ibidem absolvit et sacris ecclesie restituit; necnon subsequenter tunc ibidem crimen incontinencie per ipsum cum quadam Johanna Tapper [*sic*], muliere in domo sive manso rectorie sue continue commorante, ut dicebatur, nepharie commissum
Fol. 66*d*. et diucius continuatum, eidem domino Waltero judicialiter objecit, qui quidem dominus Walterus hujusmodi judicialiter fatebatur et recognovit tunc ibidem. Cui dictus reverendus pater penitenciam subscriptam, tam pro sua contumacia predicta quam pro hujusmodi crimine commisso, injunxit, videlicet quod idem dominus Walterus citra festum Sancti Michaelis proximo futurum offerat et conferat ad summum altare dicte ecclesie sue de Ronyngton unum par novorum vestimentorum suis propriis sumptibus emendorum, et quod eroget pauperibus parochianis suis xiij*s*., et iiij*d*., videlicet citra festum Purificacionis Beate Virginis proximo futurum vj*s*. viij*d*., et alios vj*s*. viij*d*. citra festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste tunc immediate sequens, et quod singulis sextis feriis per unum annum integrum jam proximo sequentem jejunet in pane et aqua et de hujusmodi crimine commisso et continuato alicui discreto confessori citra administracionem sacrorum et sacramentalium quorumcumque in foro penitencie confiteatur. Monuit insuper idem reverendus pater prefatum dominum Walterum ne communicet cum dicta Johanna in futuro in locis suspectis sub pena juris. Idemque dominus Walterus juravit voluntarie tunc ibidem quod si contingat ipsum Walterum prefatam Johannam in amplexibus fornicariis cognoscere (quod absit) in futuro, quod, quibuscumque appropriacionibus et

impedimentis in ea parte omnino cessantibus, sequestracionem 1412.
fructuum dicte ecclesie sue ac censuras ecclesiasticas quascumque contra eum ea occasione promulgandas sponte subibit; presentibus tunc ibidem, venerabilibus patribus Magistro Henrico Abyndon, sacre pagine professore, Johanne Well' sacrorum canonum professore, Johanne Richer de Milverton et pluribus aliis.

381. Litera indulgencie.

Dec. 21. Same place. Nicholaus etc. Gratum obsequium et Deo pium tociens impendere opinamur quociens mentes Christi fidelium ad caritatis et pie devocionis opera allectivis indulgenciarum muneribus propensius excitamus. Cum igitur dilectus nobis in Christo filius Robertus Brent, lator presencium, prout relacione pridie accepimus fidedigna, pro jure defensioneque regis et regni Anglie in partibus exteris guerrarum frequenter infortunia perpessus, ab hostibus captus, diris carcerum vinculis in Ispannia aliisque locis mancipatus, ad redempcionem nimis excessivam, quin verius importabilem, fuerit et sit depressus, necnon adversante sibi fortuna bonis et mercandisis suis, pluribus vicibus et diversis, per naufragium aliaque maris sive pelagi discrimina et piratarum spolia peremptis, perditis radicitus et consumptis, ad tantam devenerit inopiam quod nedum suis bonis propriis a Deo collatis, verum eciam ere alieno in quo fuit adtunc et adhuc est oneratus, totaliter denudatus, quod, nisi Christi fidelium elemosinis sibi celerius succurratur, perpetue mendicitatis ignominia et inevitabilis egestatis infortunium, creditorumque suorum per incarceracionis molem debiti xl *li.* contemplacione non soluti, ipsum opportebit verisimiliter tollerare. De Dei igitur Omnipotentis etc. ut in forma communi.

382. Jan. 2, 1413. Banewell. The bishop received a certificate of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, that pursuant to his commission to him, dated in Dogmersfeld manor on 9 December last, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Henry Mory, rector of the parish church of Tarent Hyneton, of the diocese of Salisbury, and John Clere *alias* Smyth, rector of the parish church of Lymyngton, he, on 27 December, in the manor of Remmesbury, instituted Sir Henry in the church of Lymyngton Fol. 67.

1413. at the presentation of Edmund Wynter and William Gobyon, esquires, having the right of presenting from Edward, duke of York, patron for this turn ; and Henry swore obedience on this day and had letters for his induction.

383. Jan. 5. Same place. The bishop by right devolving to him collated to Sir Richard Bygge, priest, the parish church of Erneshull.

384. Jan. 8. Same place. He granted to William Lyddon, acolyte, of his diocese, letters dimissory to all holy orders.

385. Acta super jure percipiendi fraxinum in cimiterio de Westbury vento prostratam.

Nono die ejusdem mensis anno quo supra in capella manerii de Banewell, coram reverendo etc. Nicholao etc. comparuerunt personaliter dominus Robertus, vicarius perpetuus ecclesie parochialis de Westbury sue diocesis et quidam Thomas Bernard et Thomas atte Wode ac ceteri parochiani de Westbury predicta, asserentes quamdam dissensionem sive controversiam inter dictum vicarium et parochianos super jure percipiendi quamdam fraxinum in cimiterio dicte ecclesie de Westbury vento nuper prostratram fuisse et esse motam et exortam, predicto vicario dictam fraxinum ac omnes et singulos arbores et herbas in dicto cimiterio crescentes ad ipsum et vicariam suam predictam tam de jure communi quam de consuetudine prescripta, necnon vigore ordinacionis sive composicionis dicte vicarie auctoritate sufficienti rite et legitime facte, pertinuisse, pertinere et pertinere debere, publice allegante et vendicante ; predictis vero parochianis jus percipiendi quascumque arbores in eodem cimiterio crescentes ad ipsos parochianos de consuetudine predicta pertinere debere, publice asserentibus et pretendentibus ; demum placuit partibus predictis in dictum reverendum patrem tanquam eorum arbitrum et arbitratorem ac amicabilem compositorem compromittere, ac in eundem reverendum patrem partes predicte tunc ibidem premissa compromiserunt, et ipsius patris laudo, arbitrio et ordinacioni in hac parte in alto et basso se submiserunt voluntarie tunc ibidem ; idemque reverendus pater onus hujusmodi in se admittens, visis et auditis alle-

gacionibus et probacionibus partium predictarum hinc inde, laudavit, pronunciavit et declaravit, pro jure et possessione dicti vicarii et vicarie sue antedicte percipiendi dictam fraxinum omnesque alias arbores et herbas in cimiterio predicto ac cimiterio capelle de Pridie prostratras et prostrandas, nullumque jus dictis parochianis quovismodo competere debere in hac parte nisi tantum petita et optenta licencia a vicario ecclesie supradicte. Tuncque dictus vicarius, ad instantem rogatum dictorum parochianorum, eandem fraxinum eis ad fabricam et ad usum dicte ecclesie parochialis dedit et assignavit tunc ibidem. 1413.

386. Commissio ad recipiendam professionem novicii. Fol. 67*d*.

Nicholaus etc. dilecto nobis in Christo filio priori ecclesie nostre cathedralis Bathoniensis, salutem etc. Ad recipiendam Johannis Appulby, novicii vestri, professionem juxta statuta canonica et dicte ecclesie nostre observancias regulares, et ipsum ad professionem hujusmodi admittendam et professum in dicta ecclesia nostra faciendum, vobis plenam et liberam concedimus potestatem ac vices nostras committimus per presentes. In cujus etc. Data in manerio nostro de Banewell, decimo die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} duodecimo et nostre translacionis anno quinto.

387. Commissio ad audiendas confessiones juxta formam constitucionis super cathedram.

Nicholaus etc. dilecto etc. fratri Johanni Stokes, ordinis fratrum Augustinensium apud La Temple Bristollensem, nostre diocesis, salutem etc. Ad audiendas in nostris civitatibus et diocesi predictis confessiones subditorum nostrorum tibi peccata sua confiteri volencium ac imponendas hujusmodi confitentibus prout secundum Deum expedire cognoveris penitencias salutares atque eisdem absolucionis beneficium impendendum juxta tenorem et effectum constitucionis domini Bonifacii que incipit 'Super cathedram,' ad presentacionem fratris Willelmi, prioris provincialis ipsius ordinis, nobis factam, de nostris licencia, gracia et beneplacito te admittimus per presentes. In cujus etc. Data in manerio nostro de Banewell xj^{mo} die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} duodecimo et nostre translacionis anno quinto.

1413. 388. Probacio testamenti Willelmi Morman de Banewell.

Tercio decimo die prefati mensis Januarii anno quo supra in ecclesia parochiali de Banewell, probatum fuit testamentum Willelmi Morman de parochia de Banewell predicta, defuncti, auctoritate dicti reverendi patris, approbatum et insinuatum et pro eodem legitime pronunciatum: commissa quoque fuit administracio omnium et singulorum bonorum dicti defuncti et ipsius testamentum concernencium Johanne relicte ejusdem Willelmi, executrici in eodem testamento nominate, et admissa per eandem, prestito primitus per dictam executricem juramento corporali in hac parte requisito. Postea eadem executrix comparuit et computavit cum officio et dimissa est ab eodem, salvo jure cujuscumque.

389. Jan. 15. Woky. The bishop granted to Thomas Clyve of his diocese, acolyte, letters dimissory to all holy orders.

390. Acta in causa subtraccionis obsequiorum conjugalium inter Johannem Belton et Aliciam Torr.

Decimo septimo die mensis et anni supradictorum, in quadam capellula infra et prope ostium occidentale ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis ex parte boriali ejusdem situata, coram venerabili viro Magistro Johanne Well', sacrorum canonum professore, reverendi in Christo patris et domini, domini Nicholai, Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi supradicti, cancellario et commissario in hac parte inibi ex causa infrascripta pro tribunali sedente, comparuit personaliter in judicio quedam Alicia Torr, uxor Johannis Belton, de parochia de Banewell, ad comparendum coram dicto reverendo patre seu ejus commissario predicto, die et loco supradictis, causam rationabilem, si quam pro se haberet, quare prefato Johanni Belton tanquam suo marito legitimo adherere sibique obsequia conjugalia impendere ac secum cohabitare non deberet dictura et propositura, ad instanciam dicti Johannis, legitime et peremptorie citata, in presencia dicti Johannis judicialiter fatebatur se ipsam prefato Johanni, circiter decimum septimum etatis sue annum, bannis inter eos pluries publice editis, ut est moris, in facie ecclesie fuisse et esse matrimonialiter copulatam ipsosque postmodum ut virum et uxorem per nonnulla tempora insimul cohabitasse,

proles quoque quamplures in matrimonio hujusmodi, aliunde 1413.
tamen, ut asseruit, quam per dictum Johannem procreatos et suscitatos ut proles et pro prolibus dicti Johannis alitos et nominatos fuisse et esse et pro talibus communiter reputatos, ipsamque Aliciam postmodum a prefato Johanne, marito suo, et ejus consorcio maritali, absque judicio ecclesie temeritate sua propria, propter frigiditatem dicti Johannis, divertisse et absentasse. Quam quidem Aliciam sic, ut prefertur, judicialiter confitentem prefatus Magister Johannes Well', auctoritate dicti reverendi patris, judicialiter monuit tunc ibidem ex confessione sua ut prefato Johanni marito suo adhereat sibique obsequia conjugalia impendat et obediat in futuro, prout canonice in hac parte dictaverint sancciones. Ad quod faciendum eadem Alicia, tactis sacrosanctis Dei evangeliis ad ea juramentum prestitit corporale; presentibus Magistro J. Barton, rectore de Lamyate, et — Russell, vicario de Doultyng, et aliis.

391. Eisdem die, mense et anno quibus proximo supra. In Fol. 68.
prefata ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi quidam Johannes Speoler, laicus de parochia de Hywyssh et Lamport, dicte diocesis, coram dicto domino Nicholao episcopo gratis comparens, asserens se in dominum Johannem, vicarium suum et patrem spiritualem de Hywyssh predicta, manus injecisse temere violentas ipsumque enormiter mutilasse, petiit sepius et instanter beneficium absolucionis a sentencia excommunicacionis majoris in eum occasione predicta a canone lata sibi per dictum reverendum patrem impendi, seque paratum de parendo juri obtulit canonice tunc ibidem, juravit quoque idem Johannes Speoler tunc ibidem ad sancta Dei evangelia corporaliter tacta quod prefatus dominus Johannes quamcumque offensam sibi in hac parte factam eidem Johanni Speoler remisit et pardonavit et quod sibi pro offensa hujusmodi ad ipsius voluntatem fuit et est competenter satisfactum, et quod idem Johannes Speoler protunc non habuit in bonis omnibus suis cum quibus possit pro absolucione sua in hac parte a domino nostro papa impetranda limina Apostolorum visitare seu ad ipsum dominum papam accedere; juravitque insuper ut supra quod quamcito pervenerit ad uberiorem fortunam, saltem talem quod poterit de et cum suis bonis propriis ad Romanam curiam pro absolucione apostolica

1413. obtinenda accedere hoc faciet, impedimento legitimo cessante, sub pena reintrusionis in excommunicacionem antedictam. Quibus sic gestis et habitis Magister Johannes Well', sacrorum canonum professor, dicti reverendi patris cancellarius, vice et auctoritate ejusdem reverendi patris sibi in hac parte concessis et commissis, ipsum Johannem Speoler a sentencia excommunicacionis predicta in forma juris absolvebat et ipsum ad sacra ecclesiastica restituebat tunc ibidem.

392. Jan. 27. London. The bishop collated to Master Robert Appulton, clerk, dwelling in the court of Rome, a canonry and the prebend of Combe octava in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master John Fraunceys, and invested him in the person of Master John Shirford, clerk, his proctor, in the same. His proctor rendered obedience, and it was demanded of the dean or the president and chapter to install him or his proctor Master Ralph Canon.

393. Feb. 7. Same place. The bishop set forward an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Berebritt *alias* Lymyngton, chaplain of the perpetual chantry of Lymyngton, and Edmund Stoppe, rector of the parish church of Southbradon, and instituted Sir William in the person of Master John Shirford, clerk, his proctor, in the church of Southbradon, at the presentation of Nicholas Reede, esquire, and Sir Edmund in the person of John Reynold, clerk, his proctor, in the chantry, at the presentation of Edmund Wynter and William Gobyon having the right of presentation from Edward, duke of York, patron for this turn.

Fol. 68*d*. 394. Memorandum that on 27 January in the same place, a letter of Richard, bishop of London, was received containing a mandate of the archbishop of Canterbury to summon the convocation of his province at St. Paul's, London, on 6 March: and on 28 January letters of bishop Nicholas for the execution of the mandate went out to the dean of Wells, the prior of Bath, the abbot of Glastonbury and the archdeacons of Wells, Taunton and Bath. And then on 1 March, a certificate went out of and upon the execution thereof.

395. Feb. 10. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Robert Russe, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish and prebendal church of Henstrygge, vacant by death ; at the presentation of Sir Richard Kyngeston, canon and prebendary of Henstrygge in the church of Wells : the said Robert having given a sworn undertaking to procure as soon as possible a book containing the seven sacraments of the church, the ten commandments, the seven deadly sins, the seven works of mercy, the five senses, the cardinal virtues and the articles of the faith, and learn and understand the contents of the same. 1413.

396. Feb. 14. Same place. A commission went out to John, bishop of Annaghdown, to reconcile the churchyard of the parish church of Wedmor, defiled by the shedding of blood.

397. As above. The bishop granted to John Bedmynstre, literate, letters dimissory to all orders, as well minor as holy.

398. Feb. 20. Same place. He instituted Sir John Benette, priest, as rector of the parish church of Sampfordbrytte, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Sneynton, at the presentation of Master Richard Courtenay, clerk.

399. March 2. Same place. In furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Robert Kene, rector of the parish church of Badecombe, and John Duffeld of Scarle, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Congresbury, of the bishop's collation, the bishop collated to Sir Robert the said vicarage and instituted him therein, and he had letters of induction directed to Master John Tyssebury, commissary general, and the vicar of Banewell : the bishop also instituted Sir John in the church of Badecombe, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

400. March 10. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of Philip, bishop of Lincoln, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Ralph Phelip, rector of the parish church of Chelworthe of the collation of bishop Nicholas, and William Campion, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Burncestre of the diocese of Lincoln, bishop Nicholas instituted the latter as rector of Chelworthe and demanded his induction by the Fol. 69.

1413. archdeacon of Bath and of Master John Tyssebury, commissary general, and admitted Sir Ralph to the church of Burnecestre.

401. March 12. Same place. The bishop instituted John Grendon, clerk, as rector of the chapel, with cure, of St. Lawrence, Spertegrove, vacant by the death of Master John Fraunceys; at the presentation of Sir John de Arundell, knight, lord of Mautravers, patron of the same as has been found by inquisition.

402. March 17. Same place. The bishop granted letters dimissory to Thomas Calf, rector of the parish church of Camelegh, deacon, to the order of the priesthood on a title of his church; to Master William Twyte, acolyte. to the orders of the sub-diaconate and the diaconate; and to Richard Atkyns, having the first tonsure, to the orders of the acolyteship and the sub-diaconate.

403. March 19. In the chapel of the bishop's inn in the parish of St. Clement Danes, London, before the bishop, Sir John Bryce, perpetual vicar, as he asserted, of the parish and prebendal church of Huwyssh with the chapel of Langeport annexed thereto, read a resignation reduced to writing of the said benefices; and the resignation was admitted by the bishop, in the presence of Master John Well', Sirs Thomas Benham and John Dyer, priests, and others and of me, J. Reynold.

Fol. 69*d*. 404. March 20. Same place. The bishop granted to William Love of his diocese, acolyte, letters dimissory to all holy orders.

405. March 22. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Master Thomas Polton, rector of the parish church of Luccombe, and Sir Thomas Twyford, rector of the parish church of Clyst St. George of the diocese of Exeter, bishop Nicholas instituted Sir Thomas in the church of Luccombe at the presentation of Thomas Clayssh, patron for this turn. And the said Master Thomas, in the person of William Sandel, his proctor, had letters of institution and a

certificate of the execution of the commission for the bishop of Exeter. 1413.

406. As above. A commission went out to Sir Robert Tannere, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Wedmor, to absolve Thomas Smocke from the sentence of the greater excommunication which he incurred in consequence of the defilement of the churchyard of that church by shedding of blood occasioned by him; provided that it be proved that satisfaction has been made to the parishioners by the said Thomas on account of this.

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407. April 4. London. A commission went out to Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of the church of Wells, to institute and induct Sir John Sutton, priest, as perpetual chaplain of the chapel or chantry of the chapel of Norton Hautevile, at the presentation of Sir William Cheyny, knight.

408. April 6. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir William Hacche, priest, as rector of the parish church of Kyngton Maundevile, vacant by the death of Sir Roger Cole; at the presentation of John Jerard, esquire. Fol. 70.

409. As above. The bishop granted letters dimissory for William Hardyng, acolyte, of his diocese, to the order of the sub-diaconate; for John Blecche, subdeacon, to the orders of the diaconate and the priesthood; for John Suyfmor, acolyte, to the orders of the sub-diaconate and the diaconate; and for William Payn, acolyte, to all orders.

410. April 10. Same place. He granted letters dimissory for John Golde, literate, of the diocese, to all holy orders not yet attained unto, from any catholic bishop in the realm &c. or from any suffragan of Henry, bishop of Winchester.

411. April 18. Dogmersfeld. In furtherance of a commission of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Houchon, rector of the church of

1413. Prysshton, and William Boteler, parson of the parish church of Stonore, in the Isle of Thanet, of the archbishop's diocese, bishop Nicholas instituted Sir William in the church of Prysshton, at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

412. As above. A writ of the king, dated 22 March, 1 Henry V, was received of summons to a Parliament to be held at Westminster three weeks after Easter. [*Summons to Parliament*, *Dugdale*, p. 388.]

Fol. 70*d*. 413. Penitencia injuncta Ricardo Devenyssh de Bristollo. Eisdem die et loco quibus supra, comparuit coram dicto reverendo patre quidam Ricardus Devenyssh, webbe, de parochia Sancte Crucis de Templo, Bristolli, et sponte recepit penitenciam sibi per eundem reverendum patrum pro eo quod quemdam libellum famosum vicarii dicte ecclesie Sancte Crucis scandalum et infamium gravia valde continentem a certis satellitibus, Lollardis nuncupatis quin verius heresiarchis, scienter accepit et in stallo dicti vicarii in choro ecclesie predicte maliciose posuit et ibidem dimisit, prout fatebatur tunc ibidem, sentenciam majoris excommunicacionis majoris in ea parte notorie incurrendo, injunctam sub forma subscripta;—videlicet quod idem Ricardus die Pasche proximo nunc futuro publice intra missarum solempnia in dicta ecclesia Sancte Crucis hujusmodi peccatum per ipsum factum se fecisse modo et forma quibus fecit confitebitur, veniamque et misericordiam a dicto vicario quem et cujus nomen et famam, quatinus in ipso erat, letaliter denigravit humiliter postulabit. Et in Dominica in Albis proximo sequente dictum festum Pasche incedet publice idem Ricardus, nudus caput et pedes, more publico penitentis, ante processionem et processionaliter ad ecclesiam Sancte Crucis, deferens unam candelam ceream valoris unius denarii in manu sua, et sic stabit in ecclesia predicta usque post evangelium misse parochialis et deinde offeret candelam predictam ad manus sacerdotis missam celebrantem. Et consimilem penitenciam peraget in ecclesia parochiali de Redeclyf die dominica extunc proximo sequenti. Qua quidem penitencia per ipsum Ricardum gratis recepta, idem Ricardus omnes et singulos Lollardos et eorum opiniones ac conventicula, quatenus sibi liquere poterit de eisdem, coram dicto reverendo patre tunc ibidem pro futuris perpetuis temporibus

abjuravit ad sancta Dei evangelia per ipsum corporaliter tacta, 1413.
et quod hujusmodi futuris temporibus credet et pro posse observabit prout et sicut sancta mater ecclesia catholica et apostolica predicat et observat etc.

414. May 8. Same place. The bishop collated to Sir Stephen Morpath, king's clerk, the prebend of Milverton secunda and a canonry in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master John Tyssebury.

415. May 22. London. The bishop granted for one year licence for Thomasina, relict of Richard Otery of Honycote in the parish of Selworthi to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in the presence of herself and her domestics in her oratory at Honycote by any fit chaplains.

416. May 23. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Haukyn, rector of the parish church of Egforton *alias* Fairoke, and William Cranburne, vicar of the parish church of Duntesburne of the diocese of Worcester, bishop Nicholas instituted the latter as rector of Egforton at the presentation of Richard Paveley, esquire.

417. May 24. Same place. The bishop collated to Master Fol. 71.
Thomas Come, clerk, the perpetual vicarage of the parish and prebendal church of Huwyssh with the chapel of Langeport annexed, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Bryce and in the bishop's collation because Sir John Ikelyngton, archdeacon of Wells, presented to it Sir John Dyer well knowing that he was simoniacal and had publicly confessed to and been convicted of simony.

418. May 25. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir William Hardy, chaplain, as rector of the parish church of Poyntyngton, at the presentation of Katharine Cheyne, patroness of the same as has been found by inquisition.

419. May 31. Same place. He also instituted Sir John Cammell, canon of Stavordale priory, of the order of St. Augustine, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry of Wyke by Langeport, at the presentation of John Chichele, esquire.

1413. 420. June 5. Same place. He also instituted Sir William Gynour, priest, in the perpetual chantry of St. John the Baptist in the parish church of Frome Selwode, vacant by the death of Sir William Leye; at the presentation of Edmund Leversegge, esquire, patron as appears by inquisition.

421. June 12. Same place. The bishop granted letters dimissory for the following, of his diocese;—Thomas Canon, deacon, to the order of the priesthood; Robert Louecok, deacon, to the same order; and John Berne and John Waleys, sub-deacons, to the orders of the diaconate and the priesthood.

422. June 10. Banewell. The bishop collated to John Shelford, clerk, the parish church of West Cammell, vacant by the death of Master Thomas Cosyn, and instituted him in the person of John Reynold, clerk, as rector in the same.

Fol. 71*d*. 423. Aug. 5. Same place. The bishop collated to Master Walter Borde, priest, the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Westbury, vacant by the death of Sir Robert Forster.

424. Aug. 10. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Richard Bacaler, rector of the parish church of Thurloxton, and Richard Carpenter, rector of the parish church of Spernore of his diocese, bishop Nicholas instituted the latter to the church of Thurloxton, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton; and the former had letters of institution to the church of Spernore.

425. Aug. 11. Same place. The bishop collated to Master John Welles, professor of the sacred canons, a canonry and the prebend of Combe quarta in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master Thomas Cosyn; and invested him therein.

426. Aug. 14. Same place. He collated to Master John Castell, bachelor in theology, in the person of Thomas Chapman, clerk, his proctor, the parish church of Kynewardeston, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Reynold; in his gift by lapse.

427. Aug. 15. Same place. He collated to John Colwyn, perpetual vicar of a stall in the choir of the church of Wells, a chamber, the nineteenth and last on the west side of the vicar's close counting from the church, in which Sir Richard Tretheak, vicar of the church, lately dwelt. 1413. Fol. 72.

428. Aug. 30. Same place. He granted licence for one year for lady Ismania, lady of Koytyff, to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in her manor of Knolle, in the parish of Carampton.

429. As above. He granted a dispensation, for one year, for Master John Stafford, rector of the parish church of Farneburgh, according to the chapter *Cum ex eo*, in lieu of his fifth year granted to him of right.

430. Aug. 31. Same place. He granted to Laurence Wyllyng of his diocese, deacon, letters dimissory to the order of the priesthood.

431. Sept. 7. Same place. He granted for one year to Sir Baldwin Malet, knight, and Avice, his wife, licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in any oratory of his within the diocese.

432. Same day and place. He granted a dispensation, for one year, for Master John Bernard, rector of the parish church of Claverton, according to the chapter *Cum ex eo*.

433. Nono die mensis et anni proximo predictorum, loco quo supra, videlicet in capella manerii de Banewell, reverendus pater virtute et vigore cujusdam submissionis sive subjeccionis sibi et ordinacioni sue per Johannem Seyntpoull, magistrum sive custodem hospitalis sive domus Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Bristolli, se dicentem, nuper facte, ad sentencie sive voluntatis sue pronunciacionem sive probacionem processit sub forma verborum subsequenter inscriptis. In Dei nomine, Amen. Nos, Nicholaus etc. in quodam negocio sive causa submissionis et subjeccionis per Johannem Seyntpoull, magistrum sive custodem hospitalis sive domus Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Bristolli, nostre diocesis, se dicentem, facte, seipsum, personam suam et statum

1413. suum, jusque titulum et possessionem quod, quem et quam, habuit et habet in illo quomodolibet seu ad illud, arbitrio, voluntati, ordinacionique nostris, in alto et basso, submittentem et subjicientem, legitime procedentes, quia invenimus et repperimus dictum Johannem Seyntpoull a dicto hospitali et domo diffinitive amotum et privatum ipsumque, ut intitulatum, hoc non obstante, ministrasse, quin verius prophanasse, postea in eodem, dictumque hospitale, bona, redditus ejusdem, res et jura, notorie dilapidasse et alienasse, ipsaque funditus destruxisse, dictam insuper domum sine pauperibus, fratribus et sororibus desolatam notorie dimisisse, in suaque pertinacia predictorum induratum perseverasse; ad sentencie, ordinacionis, declaracionis et voluntatis nostrarum igitur probacionem et pronunciacionem procedimus in hunc modum, Christi nomine invocato. Nos, Nicholaus episcopus antedictus, submissionis hujusmodi vigore, legitime procedentes, pro tribunali sedentes, habentesque pre oculis solum Deum, per hanc nostram sentenciam diffinitivam ordinacionemque, voluntatem et declaracionem, quam de jurisperitorum consilio et assensu ferimus in hiis scriptis (reservata nobis primitus potestate dicto Johanni Seyntpoull pensionem sive victum congruentem limitandi, si fieri poterit de eodem), pronunciamus, decernimus et declaramus, dictum Johannem Seyntpoule fuisse et esse a dicto hospitali amotum et amovemus, diffinitiveque privatum, titulumque in dicto hospitali vel ad illud non habuisse nec habere; et quatenus insuper pro intitulato se de facto gesserit vel habuerit, gerit vel habet, fuisse, fore et esse dicti hospitalis et domus, fratrumque et sororum ejusdem, bonorumque, rerum, jurium et redditiuum ejusdem dilapidatorem, alienatorem, destructorem, consumptoremque notorium et manifestum; ipsum igitur Johannem
Fol. 72*d*. Seyntpoull, ex premissis et aliis nos moventibus, ut indignum a dictis hospitali et domo Sancti Johannis Baptiste Bristollensi, jureque, titulo et possessione quod, quem et quam, habuit seu habet in eodem, sive racione magistratus paternitatisve quomodolibet, vel ad illud, amovemus diffinitiveque privamus in hiis scriptis. Lecta, lata et in hiis scriptis promulgata fuit ista sentencia per dictum reverendum patrem, mense, die, anno et loco supradictis, presentibus tunc ibidem Magistro Johanne Well', legum doctore, Thoma Shelford, canonicus ecclesie

cathedralis Wellensis, et Magistro Johanne Estcourt, in legibus 1413.
bacalario, et me J. Reynold.

434. Sept. 12. Same place. The bishop committed to Dom John Telesford, prior of the cathedral church of Bath, power to receive in the said church the profession of brother Henry Bradeley, monk, novice of the order of St. Benedict, according to the form used of ancient time and written down above in the present register.

435. As above. The bishop collated to brother William Southbrook, monk of the cathedral church of Bath, the office of the precentorship in the said church, in the form following ;—Nicholaus etc. salutem etc. De tue circumspecionis industria, habilitate et moribus confidentes, officium precentorie in dicta nostra Bathoniensi ecclesia cum suis appendiciis universis, ad nostram spectans collacionem pleno jure, tibi conferimus per presentes quousque illas duximus revocandas; hortantes in Domino ut in dicto officio sic te geras et habeas studiose ut apud Altissimum, hujus optentu, debitum premium consequaris.

436. As above. The bishop collated to brother John Halle, monk of the said church, expressly professed, the office of sacrist in the said church, in the form noted above.

437. Sept. 25. Same place. He instituted Sir William Payn, priest, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry at the altar of St. Kalixtus in the cathedral church of Wells for the soul of Henry Husee, sometime dean of Wells; the right of collation having devolved upon the bishop.

438. As above. The president and chapter of the cathedral church of Wells prayed for a licence to elect a dean as follows ;—Reverendo etc Nichalao etc, vestri humiles et devoti filii presidens et capitulum ecclesie vestre cathedralis Wellensis, debitum et devotum cum obediencia et reverenciis omnimodis famulatum. Cum ecclesia vestra Wellensis predicta per mortem bone memorie domini Thome Karneka, ultimi decani ejusdem, fuerit et sit decani desolata regimine, ne ecclesia predicta diu maneat decani solacio destituta dilectos in Christo confratres nostros Magistros Willelmum Langebroke et Ricardum Penyfader,

1413. canonicos dicte eeclesie vestre presencium exhibitores vestre paternitati reverende transmittimus ad petendam licenciam eligendi nobis decanum in ecclesia memorata, paternitati vestre predicte supplicantes humiliter et devote quatinus juxta liberalitatis vestre clemenciam et ecclesie predicte consuetudinem dictam licenciam eligendi nobis concedere dignemini favorabiliter et benigne. In cujus etc. Data in domo etc.

Fol. 73. The same day and place. The bishop granted the licence prayed for; by letters dated in Banewell Manor, 25 September, 1413.

[*Note in margin*] Look for other things concerning the election later on, in the register of elections.

439. Sept. 18. Same place. Pursuant to a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Master Hugh Hyckelyng, canon and prebendary of Combe prima in the cathedral church of Wells, and Sir Reynold Bryte, canon and prebendary of the bursal prebend in the collegiate church of St. Cross, Criditon, of his diocese, the bishop collated to Sir Reynold the first named canonry and prebend; and the said Hugh in the person of Robert Hyckelyng, his proctor, was instituted in the church of Crydyton.

440. Oct. 2. Same place. The bishop received in the conventual church of the Friars Minors at Bruggewater during the celebration of mass, as is usual, the vow of chastity of the lady Margaret, relict of Sir Leonard Hakeluyt, knight, in this form of words 'Je Margarete, veue, avowe a Dieu perpetuele chastite de moun corps desore en avant en la presence de vous, treshonurable pier en Dieu, Sire Nichol, par la grace de Dieu, evesq de Bathe et de Well, et promitte establement vivere en cel avowe; et a ce faire je de ma mayn de mesne face la subscripcion +Margrete.'

441. Oct. 3. Taunton. The bishop instituted Sir Walter Hulle, priest, as rector of the parish church of Sutton Montagu, vacant by the cession of Sir Richard Hyweyn; at the presentation of John Mountagu, esquire.

Fol. 73*d*. 442. As above. The bishop with the express consent of the above patron and Walter assigned to the said Sir Richard

Hywen for life a pension of 6*l.* yearly, to be paid quarterly by 1413.
the incumbent of the church, commencing at Christmas next.

The tenour of the patron's letter of assent ;—Pateat universis per presentes quod ego Johannes Mountagu, jure meo hereditario verus et legitimus patronus ecclesie parochialis de Sutton Mountagu, ex mea libera voluntate consencio imposicioni cujusdam annue pensionis novem marcarum exeuntis de ecclesia de Sutton predicta per reverendum in Christo patrem et dominum, dominum Nicholaum etc. reservate in sustentacionem domini Ricardi Hyweyn, nuper rectoris de Sutton predicta senio confracti et variis infirmitatibus fatigati a cura et regimine animarum infra dictam parochiam de Sutton predicta degencium per liberam resignacionem ejusdem domini Ricardi in manibus dicti reverendi patris factam et per eundem dictis causis urgentibus admissam absoluti et penitus deonerati. Quam quidem annuam pensionem ego, predictus Johannes, et heredes mei, occasione reservacionis hujusmodi, ut prefertur, dicto domino Ricardo Hyweyn ad terminum vite ejusdem, quatenus ad nos attinet, warantizabimus per presentes, promittoque pro me et heredibus meis quod nec ego aut nostrum aliquis quemquam decetero presentabo vel presentabit ad dictam ecclesiam nisi quem volumus, quantum ad nos spectat, ad dictam annuam pensionem dicto domino Ricardo Hyweyn ad terminum vite ejusdem singulis annis fideliter et integraliter persolvendam per loci diocesanum qui pro tempore fuerit ante ejus admissionem tactis sacrosanctis firmiter onerari. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Date apud Sutton Mountagu iiij^to^ die mensis Octobris, anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ tercio decimo.

443. Oct. 12. Banewell. The bishop instituted Sir Thomas Benham, priest, as rector of the parish church of Kynewardeston, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Saviour's, Bermondesey.

444. Oct. 14. Same place. He also instituted Sir John Langebrok as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Estchynnok, vacant by the death of Sir William Lane ; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Montacute, patrons of the church as has been found by inquisition.

1413. Fol. 74. 445. Oct. 16. Same place. He granted to John Smale, acolyte, letters dimissory to all holy orders.

446. Oct. 18. Same place. A writ of the king for the appointment of collectors of a tenth as follows ;—

Henricus etc. venerabili etc. Nicholao etc. salutem. Cum vos ceterique confratres vestri ac alii prelati et clerus Cantuariensis provincie in ultima convocacione prelatorum et cleri in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi, sexto die mensis Marcii extunc proximo sequente de diebus in dies continuata, nobis unam decimam solvendam in festo sancti Martini in yeme proximo futuro de beneficiis ecclesiasticis quibuscumque dicte provincie, exemptis et non exemptis, et ad decimam solvere consuetis (exceptis bonis et beneficiis pauperum monialium hospitalariorum et beneficiis in Wallia et marchiis ejusdem ac aliis locis per mare vel per guerram destructis seu nimium diminutis, super quibus literis certificatoriis ordinariorum locorum hujusmodi in scaccario nostro plena fides adhibeatur, exceptis insuper monasterio de Boxle, Cantuariensis, ac de Elnestowe, Lincolniensis, de Stanley, Sarisburiensis, et Mallyng monialium, Roffensis diocesium, ac quatuor ecclesiis parochialibus civitatis Norwici jam noviter cum parochiis suis casualiter combustis, concesseritis et concesserint etc. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xxvij die Septembris anno regni nostri primo.

On the same day at the same place, the bishop by force of the said writ deputed the abbot and convent of Athelney to be collectors of the said tenth ; and certified the treasurer and barons of the names of the collectors in the usual manner.

447. Sept. 24. Same place. The bishop, at the instance of Master Richard Stourton, rector of the parish church of Wryngton, released the sequestration lawfully ordered by his authority on the fruits of the said church ; and caused letters of such release to be made to him.

448. Oct. 26. Same place. Pursuant to a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Richard Wryght *alias* Carpenter, rector of the parish church of Thorlokeston, and John Aston, rector of the parish church of Eccleshale of the diocese of Worcester

the bishop instituted the latter in the church of Thorlokeston, 1413
at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

449. Oct. 30. Same place. The bishop granted forty days Fol. 74*d.*
of indulgence to all his parishioners contributing of their charity to the minister and Trinitarian friars of Telesford of the diocese of Worcester: and licence for the same [friars] to execute and publish everywhere in his diocese the privileges granted to them by the apostolic see.

450. As above. On receipt of a presentation by the prior and chapter of Bath of Sir John Barker, priest, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Hampton by Bath, because of an exchange made of the same for the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Mynty, of the diocese of Salisbury, the bishop committed the business of such exchange to Robert, bishop of Salisbury; and on 8 November, at the same place, a certificate was returned that, on 5 November, in his manor of Remmesbury, the latter had received the resignations of Sirs John Barker, vicar of Mynty, and Walter Clyve, vicar of Hampton, and instituted Sir John in the said church of Hampton. Then, on 8 November, the latter took the oath of obedience and had letters for his induction.

451. RICHARD, bishop of LONDON, to bishop NICHOLAS. Transmits a mandate of Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, in this form. Thomas, etc. venerabili etc. Ricardo, etc. salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Quod non sine cordis amaritudine deplangimus in orto speciocissimo matris nostre ecclesie Anglicane, que dudum inter ceteras orbis ecclesias filios in fidei orthodoxe fecunditate conspicuos, quemadmodum gallina congregans sub alis suis, producere consuevit, pestis illa execrabilis Lollardrie nonnullos infecit que sua labe dilatata plus solito invalescit et heu, proh dolor! satis et nimis diu scismata, sediciones et hereses ex hac peste enormiter surrexerunt, cujus professores demoliri nituntur ecclesiam Christi et loco ejus construere ecclesiam malignantium penitus alienam a sacrosancta universali ecclesia; ac nisi ex adverso christianissimi in Christo principis, regis nostri nobilissimi, zelatoris legis Christi, nostre imbecillitati supportatrix regalis assistencia affuisset, quam in

413. misericordia et mansuetudine corripere conspicimus hujusmodi delinquentes, sine ipso rege nostro illustrissimo, inclito Mathathia,
Fol. 75. per dictos incentores nequicie, apostatas legis Dei, maculam nostre fidei, cum thesauro toto sacramentorum ecclesie, tantis procellis, totque turbinibus, resistere non valentem, deficere timeremus et deficientem perire naufragio per tam perversos ductores conculcantes verbi Domini margaritas, et ornamenta fidei maculantes, qui quemadmodum vulpes in specubus, inter catholicos ethnici seu saltem Jebusci, in nostri medio commorarunt. Contemplantes igitur interiori acie mentis nostre confratres nostros coepiscopos ecclesie nostre sancte suffraganeos, ne (quod absit!) hec plantula pestilens infectiva in rigidam arborem pravitatis excrescat, ad obviandum tantis maliciis quam necessarium convocari, ut negocium hujusmodi contra hereticam pravitatem ad Dei gloriam et augmentum fidei nostris temporibus prosperetur, ac hec posse facilius inveniri que cum tot et tantis consiliis remedianda queruntum; revolventes eciam quod omnibus in unum congregatis et equis humeribus unanimiter procedentibus tollemus clamorem populi fortassis erronie concipientis quod ex nobis, quasi ex nobis habita reguli assistencia, prout habetur christiannisime catholica, sive singulis confratribus nostris nobiscum convenientibus in unum in causa Dei procedere videremur; vestre fraternitatî committimus et mandamus quatinus citetis seu citari faciatis peremptorie omnes et singulos nostre Cantuariensis provincie coepiscopos et suffraganeos et per ipsos decanos et priores cum capitulis ecclesiarum cathedralium aliosque decanos, archidiaconos, abbates, priores et conventus, exemptos et non exemptos, ac clerum cujuscumque diocesis citari volumus et mandamus, quos nos eciam tenore presencium peremptorie citamus, quod dicti confratres nostri coepiscopi, una cum clericis provectioribus moribus, vita et sciencia suarum civitatum et diocesium, et per ipsos confratres nostros, ut prefertur, decani, priores, decanique, archidiaconi, abbates, priores et conventus, exempti et non exempti, quorum, ut accepimus nonnulli ad hujusmodi negocia et mandata nostra nobis sepius certificantur citati, nec tamen sunt in speciale citati nec comparent, omnes et singuli, sicut reputari cupiunt et haberi fideles pro defensione fidei, que tunc agetur, personaliter ac capitula et conventus per

unum, clerusque cujuslibet diocesis, quos sicut nec alios aliquo 1413.
modo intendimus habere excusatos in hac parte, per duos procuratores, sufficientes et liberatos tam in divina quam in humana lege peritos et approbatos, qui ex artiori scrutinio de singulis diocesi, colligi poterunt, compareant coram nobis in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi vicesimo die mensis Novembris proximo jam futuro, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium et locorum, ad tractandum, consenciendum, terminandum et concludendum, una nobiscum, hiis que ex deliberacione et communicato consilio ad defensionem et unitatem fidei, reduccionem errancium ab eadem et reformacione ecclesie Anglicane, assistente Altissimo, tunc ibidem contigerint ordinari. Vobis eciam, ut supra, committimus et mandamus quod vos in persona vestra et per vos decanum ecclesie vestre cathedralis, decanosque, archidiaconos, abbates et priores al[ios] et conventus, exemptos et non exemptos, omnes et singulos alios eciam de dictis vestris civitate et diocesi utriusque legis, tam divine quam humane, clericos provectiores citari, volumus et mandamus quod vos ac ipsi omnes et singuli, quos nec ut supra in tanta causa habere intendimus excusatos, personaliter, clerusque vestre diocesis per duos sufficientes et literatos procuratores, et capitulum ejusdem ecclesie vestre et alii conventus per unum, dictis die et loco, compareant coram nobis ad tractandum, consenciendium, terminandum et concludendum, circa omnia et singula premissa, defensionem, unitatem et reformacionem ecclesie Anglicane, intimantes ulterius omnibus et singulis, tam vestrarum quam civitatum et diocesium dictorum confratrum et coepiscoporum nostrorum, personis citandis et certificandis quod, si die et loco predictis coram nobis comparere distulerint, negligenter omiserint, seu ante dissolucionem nostre consummate convocacionis illicenciati recesserint, contra ipsos saltem abbates, priores et conventus possessionatos, ecclesias et beneficia eis habentes unita et annexa, per fructuum et proventuum eorumdem sequestracionem, et contra residuos per alia juris remedia, procedemus et absencium in hac parte necligenciam, in heresis suspicione cadentem, reverencie et examini sedis apostolice certificare intendimus, sua contumacia id exigente. De die etc. Datum etc. xiiij^{die} mensis Octobris etc.

Nov. 4. Same place. The aforesaid mandate was received Fol. 75*d*.

1413. and on the same day it was ordered by the bishop to be obeyed by the dean of Wells, the prior of Bath, the abbot of Glastonbury and the archdeacons of Wells, Bath and Taunton as is usual, in this form with necessary changes with the whole tenour of the mandate aforesaid :—

Nicholaus etc. Data sub sigillo nostro in manerio de Banewell iiij^to^ die mensis Novembris anno etc.

452. Nov. 5. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by Thomas Carrew, donzel, of Sir John Loveny, priest, to the parish church of Bathialton, the bishop commanded an inquisition upon the vacancy, the right of the presenter etc. to be made by the official of the archdeacon of Taunton and Master John Storthwayt, rector of the parish church of Corymalet; giving them power to institute the presentee if the inquisition made for this *Unfinished.*

453. Nov. 6. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir William Ballard, priest, as perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Estharpetre, at the presentation of Master Ralph Canon, prebendary of Estharpetre in the cathedral church of Wells.

Fol. 76. 454. Nov. 7. Banewell. He instituted Sir Michael Treiagow, priest, as rector of the parish church of Kydesford vacant by the death of Sir William Berecorn; at the presentation of John Bevyle.

455. Mandatum Archiepiscopi pro heretico excommunicando.

Reverendo in Christo etc. Nicholao etc. Ricardus etc. Londoniensis episcopus, salutem etc. Literas reverendissimi etc. Thomas etc. Cantuariensis archiepiscopus etc. venerabili etc. Ricardo, Dei gracia Londoniensi episcopo, salutem etc. Nuper coram nobis in convocacione prelatorum et cleri nostre Cantuariensis provincie in ecclesia vestra Sancti Pauli ultima celebrata, cum eisdem prelatis et clero super unione et reformacione ecclesie Anglicane tractantibus, inter cetera per nos ac eosdem prelatos et clerum conclusum extitit, quasi pro impossibili scissuram tunice Domini inconsutilis reformare, nisi prius certi magnates regni, auctores, fauctores, protectores, defensores

et receptores horum hereticorum, qui dicuntur Lollardi, essent 1413.
rigide reprehensi; ac, si opus fuerit, per censuras ecclesie, una cum invocacione brachii secularis, a suis deviis revocati. Et facta subsequenter in eadem convocacione inter procuratores cleri et alios qui de singulis diocesibus ejusdem nostre provincie ibidem in magno numero interfuerunt, inquisicione repertum fuit inter eosdem ac nobis detectum et delatum quod dominus Johannes Oldcastell, miles, fuerat et est principalis receptator, fauctor, protector et defensor, eorumdem; ac quod, presertim in diocesibus Londoniense, Roffense et Herefordense, ipsos Lollardos ab ordinariis sive diocesanis locorum minime licenciatos, contra constitucionem provincialem inde factam, ad predicandum transmisit; ac eorum predicacionibus nephariis interfuit et contradictores, si quos reppererat, minis et terroribus ac gladii secularis potencia compescuit, asserens et affirmans inter cetera, quod nos et confratres nostri, suffraganei nostre provincie, non habuimus nec habemus potestatem aliquam hujusmodi constituciones faciendi; aliterque sentiit et sentit ac dogmatizavit et docet de sacramentis altaris et penitencie, peregrinacionibus, et adoracionibus ymaginum ac clavibus, quam Romana et universalis ecclesia docet et affirmat. Quare ex parte eorumdem prelatorum et cleri tunc fuimus requisiti, ut de et super premissis contra eundem dominum Johannem Oldcastell procedere dignaremur. Nos tamen ob reverenciam domini nostri regis, cujus ad tunc, idem dominus Johannes familiaris extiterat, ac ob honorem nichilominus ordinis militaris, una cum omnibus confratribus et suffraganeis nostris dicte nostre provincie tunc presentibus et magna parte cleri ejusdem nostre provincie, ad presenciam dicti domini nostri regis, tunc in manerio suo de Kenyngton existensis, personaliter accedentes contraque eundem dominum Johannem querelam deponentes, defectus ejusdem domini Johannis partim recitavimus; set ad rogatum ipsius domini nostri regis, ipsum dominum Johannem sine dedecore ad unitatem ecclesie reducere cupientes, omnem execucionem premissorum ad tempus magnum distulimus. Set demum, quia prefatus dominus noster rex circa reduccionem ejusdem post magnos labores non profecit, prout idem dominus noster rex nobis tam verbo quam in scriptis referre dignabatur, nos subsequenter eundem dominum Johannem de et super

1413. premissis personaliter responsurum coram nobis ad certum terminum jam effluxum decrevimus evocandum et nuncium nostrum cum literis nostris citatoriis ad dictum dominum Johannem transmisimus, tunc in castro suo de Coulyng degentem. Cui nuncio nostro dedimus in mandatis ut castrum dicti domini Johannis nullo modo ingrederetur nisi licenciatus set per medium cujusdam Johannis Boteler, hostiarii camere dicti domini nostri regis, ipsum dominum Johannem requireret quatinus aut daret dicto nuncio nostro licenciam ingrediendi, ut citaret eumdem, seu saltem extra castrum suum predictum faceret sui copiam, ut sic citacione posset apprehendi. Qui tamen
Fol. 76*d*. dominus Johannes dicto Johanni Boteler, ex parte dicti domini nostri regis sibi premissa exponenti, publice respondit quod nullo modo citari voluit nec citacionem ipsius aliqualiter tolerare. Nosque propterea, de premissis nobis facta fide, ulterius legitime procedentes; facta nobis primitus fideli relacione quod idem dominus Johannes personali citacione apprehendi non potuit, decrevimus eundem citandum per edictum in valvis ecclesie cathedralis Roffensis, sibi vicine et non nisi modicum ultra tria miliaria Anglicana a dicto castro de Coulyng distantis publice affigendum; prout eum sic citari fecimus et hujusmodi edictum nostrum in valvis dicte ecclesie publice et patenter affigi; ad comparendum coram nobis xj die mensis Septembris jam preteriti de et super premissis atque nichilominus certis aliis hereticam pravitatem concernentibus personaliter responsurum. Quo die adveniente nobis in capella majori infra castrum de Ledys, nostre diocesis, quod tunc inhabitabamus et ubi tunc residebamus cum curia nostra, pro tribunali sedentibus, facta fide, que requiritur in premissis ac audita per nos et recepta relacione, juxta assercionem et prout communiter predicatur in partibus ubi dictus dominus Johannes moratur, ut premittitur, quod idem dominus Johannes se incastellat et fortificat in castro suo predicto ac opiniones suas defendit, claves ecclesie ac potestatem archiepiscopalem et episcopalem multipliciter contempnendo. Nos eundem dominum Johannem, sic, ut premittitur, citatum, publice et alta voce preconizari fecimus, ac sic preconizatum diucius expectatum, et nullo modo comparentem, reputavimus, prout erat merito, contumacem et in penam contumacie sue hujusmodi ipsum in scriptis excommunicavimus

tunc ibidem. Et quia ex serie premissorum et aliis perspicuis 1413.
indiciis et factorum evidenciis concepimus quod idem dominus Johannes in defensionem hujusmodi erroris sui contra claves ecclesie se fortificat et castellat, ut premittitur, quorum pretextu vehemens suspicio heresis atque scismatis insurgit contra eundem; decrevimus ipsum dominum Johannem iterato personaliter, si apprehendi poterit, alioquin per edictum, ut prius, citandum quod compareat coram nobis die Sabbati proximo post festum Sancti Mathei Apostoli et Evangeliste proximum futurum, causam rationabilem, si quam habeat, quare contra eundem ad graviora procedi non debeat tanquam contra publicum hereticum, scismaticum ac hostem et adversarium universalis ecclesie, quare eciam pro tali pronunciari non debeat, ac auxilium brachii secularis contra eundem solempniter invocari, personaliter propositurum, ulteriusque facturum, responsurum, et recepturum, circa omnia et singula premissa quod justicia suadebit. Quo termino, videlicet die Sabbati proximo post festum Sancti Mathei predictum, xxiij die dicti mensis Septembris, adveniente coram nobis, in domo capitulari ecclesie Sancti Pauli Londoniensis pro tribunali sedentibus, assedentibusque nobis venerabilibus confratribus nostris, dominis Ricardo Londoniensis, et Henrico Wyntoniensi, episcopis, comparuit personaliter dominus Robertus de Morley, miles, custos Turris Londoniensis, secumque prefatum dominum Johannem Oldcastell, militem, adduxit et coram nobis collocavit. Cui quidem domino Johanni Oldcastell sic personaliter presenti nos totam seriem facti, prout in actis diei precedentis continetur, bonis et modestis terminis ac modo multum suavi recitavimus, videlicet quomodo idem dominus Johannes de et super articulis superiis recitatis in convocacione prelatorum et cleri dicte nostre provincie, ut premittitur, detectus et delatus extiterit, quomodoque citatus et propter contumaciam excommunicatus. Et, postquam ad hoc deventum fuit, nos obtulimus paratos ad absolvendum eundem. Ipse tamen dominus Johannes, ad hujusmodi oblacionem non advertens, petere absolucionem omnino distulit, sicque ad alia divertens dixit quod libenter recitaret coram nobis et dictis confratribus nostris fidem suam quam tenet et affirmat. Sicque, licencia petita et optenta, extraxit de sinu suo quamdam cedulam indentatam ac contenta

1413. in eadem publice ibidem perlegit, eandemque cedulam nobis realiter tradidit: et articulorum super quibus extitit examinatus tenor sequitur et est talis 'I Johan Oldcastell, knyght, lord of Cobham, wole that all Cristen men wyte and undirstonde that I
Fol. 77. clepe Almyghty God in to witnesse that it hath ben, now is and evere, with the help of God, schal be myn entent and my wylle to beleve faithfully and fully all ye sacraments that ever God ordeyned to be do in holy chirche, and moreover to declare me in these four poyntes, I beleve that the most worschipful sacrament of the auter is Cristis body in form of bred, the same body that was born of the blessed Virgyne, our lady, Seinte Marie, don on the Cros, dede, and beryed, the thridde day roos from deeth to lyf, the which body is now glorified in Hevene. Also as for the sacrament of penaunce, I belive that it is nedful to every man that shal be saved to forsake synne and to do due penaunce for synne before doon, with trewe confession, veray contricion and duhe satisfaccion, as Goddes lawe lymeteth and techeth, and elles may he not be saved, which penaunce I desire all men to doo. And as of ymages I undirstonde that they be not of bileve but that they were ordeyned sith the bileve was given of Crist by sufferance of the church, to be kalandres of lewed men to represent and bring to mynde the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and martirdoom and good levyng of other Sayntes, and that whoso it be that dooth the worschip to dede ymages that is duhe to God or putteth feith, hoope or trust in help of them, as he schold do to God, or hath affeccion in oon more than in another, he dooth in that the grete synne of mamatrie. Also I supose this fully that every man in this erthe is a pylgrym toward bliss or toward peyne, and that he that knoweth not ne wole not knowe ne kepe the holy commandments of God in his lyvyng here, albeit that he goo in pilgremage to all the world and he dey so, he shal be dampned and he that knoweth the holy commandments of God and kepeth hem to his ende, he shall be saved, though he nevere in his lyf go on pilgremage, as men use now, to Caunterbury or to Rome or to any other place.' Qua cedula cum istis articulis contentis in eadem, ut prefertur, per dictum dominum Johannem perlecta, nos cum confratribus nostris predictis aliisque pluribus doctoribus et peritis super hiis communicavimus, ac demum de

consilio et assensu eorumdem, prefato domino Johanni Old- 1413.
castell diximus tunc ibidem 'Ecce domine Johannes! in hac cedula plura bona continentur et satis catholica, set vos habetis terminum istum ad respondendum super aliis, errores et hereses sapientibus, quibus per contenta in hac cedula non est plene responsum. Et preterea vos oportet ad eadem et fidem vestram atque asserciones in eadem cedula expressas circa eadem plenius declarare, videlicet an teneatis, credatis et affirmetis, quod in sacramento altaris post consecracionem rite factam remaneat panis materialis vel non; item an teneatis, credatis et affirmetis, quod in sacramento penitencie necessarium fuerit quod habens copiam sacerdotis confiteatur de peccatis suis presbytero per ecclesiam ordinato? Quibus sic dictis inter multa et varia per dictum dominum Johannem Oldcastell dicta respondit expresse se nolle predicta aliter declarare nec aliter quam in dicta cedula sua continetur aliqualiter ad eadem respondere. Unde nos ipsi domino Johanni compacientes, benigno et affabili modo, diximus tunc ibidem 'Caveatis, domine Johannes, quia, si ad hec vobis objecta clare non respondeatis in termino legitimo vobis jam dato, jussi per judicem, poterimus vos pronunciare et declarare hereticum.' Ipse tamen dominus Johannes se tenuit, ut prius, et noluit aliter respondere. Consequenter tamen nos cum dictis confratribus nostris et aliis de consilio nostro consulimus ac de communicato consilio eorumdem declaravimus eidem domino Johanni Oldcastell quid sancta Romana ecclesia in hac materia sequens dicta beatorum Augustini, Jeronimi, et Ambrosii, ac aliorum sanctorum, determinavit, quas determinaciones oportet quoscumque catholicos observare. Ad que idem dominus Johannes respondit quod bene voluit credere et observare quicquid sancta ecclesia terminavit et quicquid Deus se voluit credere et observare, set quod dominus noster Fol. 77*d*.
papa, cardinales, archiepiscopi et episcopi, ceterique prelati ecclesie, haberent potestatem talia terminandi, noluit ad tunc aliqualiter affirmare. Unde nos, adhuc sibi compacientes, sub spe melioris deliberacionis, promisimus eidem domino Johanni quod certas determinaciones in materia antedicta ac super quibus idem dominus Johannes debuit clarius respondere sibi ederemus in scriptis terminis Latinis pro leviori intellectu ejusdem in Anglicum translatis. Super quibus jubebamus

1413. eundem ac cordialiter rogavimus ut, in die Lune proximo tunc sequenti, plene et clare suum daret responsum. Quas quidem determinaciones eodem die transferri fecimus et eidem die dominica proxime sequenti realiter liberari, quarum determinacionum tenor sequitur et est talis 'The feyth and the determinacion of holi churche touching the blisful sacrament of the autier is this, that, after the sacramental words ben seyde by a preste in his messe, the materyal breed that was bifore is turned into Cristes verray body, and the material wyne that was bifore is turned into Cristes verray blood and so there leveth in ye autier no material bred ne material wyne the which were there before the seyinge of the sacramental words. How lyve ye this article?

Holy churche hath determined that every Cristen man lyvyng here bodylich in erthe ought to be schryve to a preest ordred by the church if he may come hym. How feele ye this article?

Crist ordeyned Seint Petir the apostle to been his vicary here in erthe, whose see is the church of Rome, ordenyng and grauntyng the same power that he gave to Petir should succeed to all Peter's successours, the which we callen now popes of Rome, by whos power in churches particuler, special been ordeined prelates, and archbishops, bishops, curates and other degrees, to whom Cristen men ought to obeye after the lawes of the church of Rome. This is the determinacion of holy churche. How feele ye this article?

Holi church hath determined that it is needful to a Cristen man to goo a pilgremage to holy places and there specialy to worschupe holy reliqes of seintes, aposteles, martirs, confessours and all seyntes aproved by the church of Rome. How feele ye this article?

Quo die Lune, videlicet xxv die dicti nensis Septembris, coram nobis ac confratribus nostris predictis, adjunctoque venerabili fratre nostro Benedicto, Dei gracia Bangorensi episcopo, jussuque et mandato nostris consiliarii et ministri nostri, videlicet Magistri Henricus Ware, curie nostre Cantuariensis officialis, Philippus Morgan, utriusque juris, Howelus Kyffyn, decretorum, Johannes Kempe et Willelmus Carleton, legum, doctores, ac Johannes Wytnam, Thomas Palmer,

Robertus Wombewelle, Johannes Whitheed, Robertus Chamber- 1413.
leyn, Ricardus Dodyngton et Thomas Walden, sacre pagine professores, necnon Jacobus Cole et Johannes Stephenes notarii nostri in hac parte assumpti, jurati sunt omnes et singuli ad sancta Dei euangelia corporaliter, tacto libro, quod de et super materia predicta ac in tota causa hujusmodi suum fidele consilium et ministerium preberent, absque odio, timore, amore aut favore, sicut coram Deo responderent atque toto mundo; consequenterque comparuit dictus dominus Robertus de Morley, miles, custos Turris Londoniensis, ac prefatum dominum Johannem Oldecastell secum adduxit et corum nobis statuit. Cui nos affabiliter et suaviter recitavimus acta prioris diei ac, ut prius, sibi recitavimus quomodo excommunicatus fuerat et est idem dominus Johannes; ac rogavimus et requisimus eundem quatinus peteret ac admitteret in forma debita ecclesie absolucionem. Cui idem dominus Johannes expresse respondit tunc ibidem quod nullam absolucionem in hac parte peteret a nobis sed a solo Deo: consequenter nos suavi et modesto modo rogavimus et requisivimus eundem dominum Johannem quatinus de et super contentis in dicta cedula determinacionum ecclesie eidem transmissa ac super articulis sibi oppositis suum clarum daret responsum et primo circa sacramentum eukaristie. Ad quem articulum inter cetera dixit et respondit quod sicut Christus hic in terra degens habuit in se divinitatem et humanitatem, divinitatem tamen velatam et invisibilem sub humanitate que in eo aperta et visibilis fuerat, sic in sacramento altaris est verum corpus et verus panis, panis videlicet, quem videmus, et corpus Christi sub eodem velatum, quod non videmus, ac fidem circa sacramentum hujusmodi, in cedula predicta sibi per nos transmissa, per sanctam Romanam ecclesiam et doctores sanctos determinatam, expresse negavit determinacionem ecclesi Fol. 78.
fore et esse; set, si est determinacio ecclesie, dixit quod est facta contra sacram scripturam et postquam ecclesia fuit dotata et venenum effusum in ecclesia et non ante. Quo eciam ad sacramentum penitencie et confessionis, dixit et asseruit expresse, tunc ibidem, quod, si quis esset in aliquo gravi peccato constitutus a quo ipse surgere nescivit, expediret et bonum esset sibi adire aliquem sanctum et discretum sacerdotem pro consilio ab eo habendo; set quod confiteretur peccatum suum

1413. proprio curato seu alteri presbytero, eciam si habeat copiam ejusdem, non est necessarium ad salutem quia sola contricione peccatum hujusmodi deleri posset et ipse peccator purgari. Circa adoracionem sancte crucis eciam dixit et asseruit, tunc ibidem, quod solum corpus Christi quod pendebat in cruce debuit adorari quia illud corpus solum fuit et est crux adoranda. Et interrogatus quem honorem faceret ymagini ipsius crucis respondit verbis expressis quod illum solum honorem faceret sibi quod bene mundaret eam et poneret in bona custodia. Quoad potestatem clavium, dominum nostrum papam, archiepiscopos, episcopos, prelatos, dixit quod papa est verus antechristus, hoc est caput ejusdem, archiepiscopi, episcopi necnon et alii prelati, membra ; et fratres, cauda ejusdem. Quibus pape, archiepiscopis et prelatis, non est obediendum nisi quatenus fuerint imitatores Christi et Petri in vita, moribus et conversacione, et quod ipse est successor Petri qui est vita melior et moribus purior et nullus alius. Ulterius dixit idem dominus Johannes, alta voce, manibus expansis, alloquendo circumstantes 'Isti qui judicant et volunt dampnare me, seducent vos omnes et se ipsos et vos ducent ad infernum, ideo caveatis ab eis.' Quibus sic per eum dictis, nos iterum ac sepius flebili vultu dictum dominum Johannem alloquebamus, eundem verbis quibus potuimus exhortando ut ad unitatem ecclesie rediret, crederet et teneret quod ecclesia Romana credit et tenet: qui respondebat expresse se aliter non credere nec tenere quam superius expressit. Videntes ergo quod in eo, prout apparuit, proficere non potuimus tandem, cum cordis amaritudine processimus ad sentencie diffinitive prolacionem in hunc modum. In Dei nomine, Amen. Nos Thomas, permissione divina, sancte Cantuariensis ecclesie archiepiscopus et minister humilis, tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus : In quadam causa sive negocio heretice pravitatis de et super diversis articulis super quibus dominus Johannes Oldcastell, miles, dominus de Cobham, coram nobis in ultima convocacione cleri nostri Cantuariensis provincie, in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi celebrata, post inquisicionem diligentem ibidem inde captam detectus et delatus extiterat ac per nostram Cantuariensem provinciam notorie ac publice diffamatus, ad denunciacionem et requisicionem tocius cleri predicti in eadem convocacione predicta inde nobis factas,

favore possibili, Deo teste, quo potuimus legitime procedentes 1413
contra eundem ac Christi vestigiis inherendo, qui non vult
mortem peccatoris set ut magis convertatur et vivat, nitebamur
eundem corrigere ac viis et modis quibus potuimus et scivimus
reducere ad ecclesie unitatem, declarantes eidem quid in hac
parte Romana et universalis ecclesia docet, tenet, determinavit
et predicat: et, quamvis eundem in fide catholica devium
invenerimus adeo dure cervicis quod errorem suum noluerit
confiteri aut se purgari de eodem nec eciam detestari,
eidem paterno nichilominus compacientes affectu ac ipsius
salutem cordialiter affectantes prefiximus eidem certum
terminum competentem ad deliberandum et, si voluisset,
penitendum et reformandum seipsum, ac demum eo quod
eundem consideravimus incorrigibilem, servatis primitus que in
hac parte de jure requiruntur, cum dolore et amaritudine
cordis ad diffinitive sentencie prolacionem procedimus in hunc
modum, Christi nomine invocato ipsumque solum habentes pre
oculis: quia per acta et inactitata, producta, exhibita, signa,
evidencias et judicia, diversa insuper probacionum genera,
reperimus eundum dominum Johannem, militem, fore et esse
hereticum hereticisque credentem ac in fide et observanciis
sacrosancte Romane et universalis ecclesie errantem et presertim
circa sacramenta eukaristie et penitencie; quodque tanquam
iniquitatis et tenebrarum filius in tantum obduravit cor suum ut
non intelligat vocem sui pastoris nec velit monicionibus alici nec
reduci blandiciis, investigatis primitus, rimatis et diligenter
pensatis meritis cause antedicte ipsiusque domini Johannis
demeritis atque culpis per ipsius dampnabilem pertinaciam
aggravatis, nolentes quod is qui nequam est fiat nequior et alios
inficiat sua labe, de consilio et assensu magne discrecionis et
sapiencie virorum venerabilium fratrum nostrorum, dominorum
Ricardi, Londoniensis, Henrici, Wyntoniensis, et Benedicti,
Bangorensis, episcoporum, ac aliorum nonnullorum in sacra
theologia, decretis, et jure civili, doctorum, aliarumque religiosarum
et peritarum personarum nobis assistencium, prefatum dominum Fol. 78*d*.
Johannem Oldecastell, militem, dominum de Cobham, de et
super hujusmodi detestabili reatu convictum et ad ecclesie
unitatem penitencialiter redire nolentem hereticum ac in hiis que
tenet, docet, determinavit et predicat sacrosancta Romana et

1413. universalis ecclesia et presertim in articulis suprascriptis errantem judicamus, declaramus et condempnamus, finaliter et diffinitive in hiis scriptis ; relinquentes eundem ex nunc, tanquam hereticum, judicio seculari, ipsumque nichilominus hereticum, omnesque alios et singulos qui eundem de cetero in sui favorem erroris receptaverit aut receptaverint, defensaverit seu defensaverint, sibi consilium, auxilium vel favorem in hac parte prebuerit seu prebuerint, tanquam fauctores, receptatores et defensores hereticorum, excommunicavimus et excommunicatos denunciamus eciam in hiis scriptis. Et ut ista premissa omnibus in Christo credentibus innotescant, vestre fraternitati committimus et mandamus, quatinus prefatum Johannem Oldcastell, sic, ut premittitur, per nos fuisse et esse dampnatum hereticum scismaticum et in articulis suprascriptis errantem, omnesque alios et singulos qui eundem dominum Johannem de cetero in sui favorem erroris receptaverit, defensaverit, receptaverintve seu defensaverint, aut sibi consilium, auxilium vel favorem in hac parte prebuerit vel prebuerint, tanquam fauctores, receptatores et defensores hereticorum per dictam nostram sentenciam diffinitivam excommunicatos in ecclesia vestra et per vestras civitatem et diocesim per singulos subditos vestros, curatos earumdem, in ecclesiis suis, cum major in eisdem affuerit populi multitudo, alta et intelligibili voce et in lingua materna, prout supra seriosius continetur, in hoc processu declarent, publicent et exponant, ut sic opiniones erronee populi, qui aliter concepit forte in hac materia, quam se habet rei veritas, hac declaracione publica rescindantur. Quod idem per vos singulis confratribus nostris, nostre Cantuariensis provincie suffraganeis, de verbo ad verbum rescribi et innotesci volumus, et mandamus ut ipsi omnes et singuli per suas civitates et dioceses modum et formam hujus nostri processus, dictam eciam per nos latam sentenciam et cetera omnia et singula contenta faciant publicari. De die vero recepcionis etc. et quomodo hoc nostrum mandatum fueritis et fuerint executi, debite et distincte certificetis et certificent, dicto negocio expedito, literis vestris et suis patentibus habentibus hunc tenorem. Data in manerio nostro de Maideston x^mo^ die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ tercio decimo et nostre translacionis anno decimo octavo. Quarum auctoritate literarum etc. [*Wilkins*, vol. 3, pp. 353–357.]

On the eighth day of the month and year aforesaid, at Banewell, the aforesaid mandate was received; and on the same day it was written to the dean of Wells, the prior of Bath, the abbot of Glastonbury and all archdeacons, for execution of the same, as in such cases is usually done. 1413.

456. Nov. 10. The bishop's palace at Wells. Commission to Master John Storthwayt, rector of the parish church of Corymalet, bachelor of both laws, to be the bishop's commissary general in the diocese and within his peculiar jurisdiction of Welyngton, Cherde et Chiew; during pleasure. [*Cf.* No. 139.]

457. Nov. 11. Wermynstre of the diocese of Salisbury. The bishop collated to Master John Stafford, doctor of laws, a canonry and the prebend of Barton in the cathedral church of Wells; and invested him in the same. Fol. 79.

458. Nov. 25. London. He instituted Sir John Chopyn, chaplain, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Berwys, vacant by the death of Sir John Hopkyn; at the presentation of the archdeacon of Wells.

459. Nov. 17. Dogmersfeld. He instituted Sir John Bush, priest, in the parish church of Weston in Gordano, vacant by the death of Robert, last rector, at the presentation of John Glastenbury, lord of a third part of the manor of Weston aforesaid.

460. Nov. 28. London. In furtherance of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Bartelot, perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Bokelond Denham, and John Horlock, rector of the parish church of Syde, of the diocese of Worcester, bishop Nicholas instituted the latter in the said church of Bokelond, at the presentation of Sir John Roulond, canon and prebendary of Bokelond aforesaid in the cathedral church of Wells. And the said Thomas, in the person of William Adam, his proctor, had letters of institution and a certificate of execution of the commission for the bishop of Worcester.

461. Nov. 30. Same place. The bishop granted for one year to Master Thomas Circetre, perpetual vicar of the parish

1413. church of Welwe, licence to preach the Word of God, in suitable places, anywhere in the diocese.

462. As above. He granted, for one year, to Sir John Petit, rector of the parish church of Hemyngton, employed in the service of Sir Walter Hungerford, knight, licence of non-residence.

463. Dec. 3. Same place. He instituted Sir John Coupere, priest, as rector of the parish church of Templecombe, at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shaftesbury.

Fol. 79*d*. 464. Dec. 11. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of Henry, archbishop of York, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Stephen Percy, canon of the conventual church of Wherwell, of the diocese of Winchester, and prebendary of the prebend or prebendal church of Bathewyk, and Simon de Marchegood, canon and prebendary of a stall in the chapel of St. Mary and the Holy Angels, York, bishop Nicholas instituted the said Simon in the said canonry and prebend or prebendal church of Bathewyk, at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Wherwell; and Stephen, in the person of Robert Ragenhull, his proctor, had letters of collation and a certificate of the execution of the commission, directed to the archbishop.

465. As above. The bishop instituted Sir John Grendon, the elder, in the person of John Buffard, literate, his proctor, as rector or warden of the chapel, with cure, of St. Laurence, Spertegrove, vacant by the free resignation of John Grendon, the younger, at the presentation of Sir John Arundell, knight, lord of Mautravers.

466. Nov. 21. Palace of Wells. The bishop instituted John Scalon, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Shapewyk, vacant by the death of Sir John Vax; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

467. Nov. 22. Banewell. He instituted Sir John Halle, priest, as rector of the parish church of Hardyngton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Robert Randolf, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Keynesham.

468. As above. He instituted Sir Richard Busshopp, chaplain, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Milborneport, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Cirencestre of the diocese of Worcester. 1414.

469. Jan. 3, 1413–14. Same place. The bishop committed power, until Michaelmas only, for William Hugon, guardian of the house of the Friars Minors, Bruggewater, to hear the confessions of lady Margaret Hakeluyt, relict of Sir Leonard Hakeluyt, knight, as often as she wishes to confess, and enjoin penances on her for [sins] committed; also to dispense from a vow which she voluntarily made for life, to fast every Saturday, which she cannot do for the infirmity of her body. Fol 80.

470. Jan. 8. Same place. The bishop instituted Master Thomas Noreys, clerk, in the person of John Benet, literate, his proctor, as rector of the parish church of Sandfordbryt, vacant by the death of Sir John Benet; at the presentation of lord Richard Courteney, bishop of Norwich, lord of the manor of Sandefordbryt aforesaid, patron by his hereditary right.

471. Jan. 12. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by Elizabeth Mountagu, countess of Salisbury, sealed with her seal of arms, of Master John Welles, professor of the sacred canons, to the church of Chedesey, because of an exchange of benefices between him and Sir John Whitemer who then held it, for the parish church of Cristmalford of the diocese of Salisbury, which the said Master John then held, the bishop committed the business of such exchange to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, and presented the said Sir John to the church of Cristmalford of his presentation; and, on 14 January, Master John Well brought back to him a certificate of the bishop of Salisbury that, on 12 January, in his castle of Shirborn, he had instituted the said Master John as rector of the said church of Chedesey. The latter, the same day, swore obedience to the bishop at Banewell and had letters for his induction directed to the archdeacon of Taunton or his official or, in their absence, to Sir John, chaplain, of the parish of Chedesey.

472. Jan. 14. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir William Hulle, priest, as rector of the parish church of

1414. Astyngton, vacant by the death of Sir William Carewey, at the presentation of the lady Alice, late the wife of Sir Richard Stury, knight.

Fol. 80*d*. 473. Jan. 16. The bishop committed to John Hexham of Milton of the diocese of Salisbury the administration of all goods of Thomas Bourne, late hermit at Congresbury, who died intestate; he first making oath as required in such cases.

474. Writ of the king, dated at Westminster, 24 December, 1 Henry V, notifying bishop Nicholas that the king has prorogued the parliament summoned at Leycestre on 29 January next until the last day of April, and summoning him there on that date. [*Summons to Parliament, Dugdale*, p. 391.]

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475. Jan. 27. Same place. The bishop instituted John Taillour, priest, as rector of the parish church of Charlecombe, vacant by the resignation of Sir Robert Piers; at the presentation of Thomas Rygge, esquire.

476. Jan. 31. Same place. In furtherance of a commission received from Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Matthew Wonston, rector of the parish church of Maperton, and John Poyns, rector of the parish church of Chalvelegh, of the diocese of Exeter, the bishop instituted Sir John Poyns to the church of Maperton, at the presentation of Robert Maynard and Thomas Hertescote. And Sir Matthew had letters of institution and a certificate of furtherance, directed to the bishop of Exeter.

Fol. 81. 477. Feb. 9. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir John Blike, priest, as rector of the church of Mysterton annexed to the parish church of Crukern, vacant by the resignation of Sir Richard Abbot; at the presentation of Edward Courtenay, earl of Devon.

478. Feb. 15. Same place. On receipt of the king's presentation to Sir John Laurence, priest, warden of the free chapel of Ryme of the diocese of Salisbury, of the church of Pille, then held by Master John Hody, because of an exchange of benefices to be made between the two, bishop Nicholas committed the

business of such exchange to Master Thomas Polton, canon and 1414.
prebendary of Grymstane and Yetmynstre in the cathedral church of Salisbury, and, on 6 March at the place named above, the said Sir John brought back a report upon the execution of such commission, shewing that on the previous day, at Wells, the said Master Thomas instituted him as rector in the church of Pille in the king's presentation by reason of his wardship of the son and heir of Fulk Fitz Waryn; he then swore obedience and had letters for his induction.

479. Feb. 22. Same place. The bishop granted for one year to John Seynlow, esquire, licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in a subdued voice in his chapel or oratory in his dwelling place at Bycheustoke.

480. Feb. 23. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Stephen Scendys, priest, as rector of the parish church of Ronyngton, vacant by the resignation of Sir Walter Bury; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

481. As above. He granted to Master John Stafford, rector of the parish church of Farneburgh, sub-deacon, letters dimissory to the orders of the diaconate and the priesthood.

482. March 3. Same place. He granted to William Corps, sub-deacon, like letters to the order of the diaconate.

483. As above. The bishop committed to John, prior of the cathedral church of Bath, power to receive the profession of William Shirborn and Robert Chiew, monks, novices of the same church.

484. March 14. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir Fol. 81*d*.
Thomas Cowlyng, priest, as rector of the parish church of Spaxton, vacant by the death of Sir Henry Portejoy; at the presentation of Robert Hulle, esquire, lord of Spaxton.

485. March 15. Same place. He collated to Master John Shirford, bachelor in laws, a canonry and the prebend of Combe terciadecima in the cathedral church of Wells, and invested him therein by delivery of his biretta.

1414. SEQUITUR ANNUS DOMINI MILLESIMUS QUADRINGENTESIMUS QUARTUS DECIMUS.

486. March 26. Banewell. The bishop instituted Sir William Faukys, priest, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry of Huydehall, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Harslade; at the presentation of Sir Thomas Lovell, knight.

HIC SEQUITUR ANNUS TRANSLACIONIS SEPTIMUS.

487. April 5. Palace of Wells. In furtherance of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Botteller, rector of the parish church of Jacobystowe, of his diocese, and Richard Batte, perpetual vicar of the parish and prebendal church of Haselbere, bishop Nicholas instituted the said Sir John to the said vicarage, at the presentation of Richard Aldryngton, canon and prebendary of the prebend of Haselbere aforesaid in the cathedral church of Wells.

Fol. 82. 488. Sextodecimo die dicti mensis Aprilis, anno et loco proxime supradictis, dictus dominus Nicholaus etc., recepta per eum presentacione nobilis domini Thome Berkele, domini de Berkele domino Johanni Worthy presbitero facta ad hospitale sive domum Sancte Katerine de Bedmynstre juxta Bristollum vacans sive vacantem, mandavit inquiri per Magistros Johannem Storthwayt, commissarium suum generalem, et Nigellum Hamme, rectorem ecclesie parochialis de Kyngestone Seymour sub hac forma verborum ;—Nicholaus etc. dilectis etc. salutem etc. Presentavit nobis nobilis vir dominus Thomas Berkele, dominus de Berkele, dilectum nobis in Christo dominum Johannem Worthy, presbiterum, ad hospitale sive domum Sancte Katerine de Bedmynstre juxta Bristollum, vacans vel vacantem, ad ejusdem nobilis viri presentacionem, ut asseritur, spectans vel spectantem. Quocirca vobis conjunctim et divisim firmiter injungendo committimus et mandamus quatinus, vocatis legitime coram vobis tam in speciali quam in genere omnibus et singulis in hac parte de jure vocandis de et super vacacione custodie dicti hospitalis sive domus, videlicet an jam vacet, et si sic qualiter et quando vacare incepit, et quis sit verus patronus habeatque jus presentandi ad custodiam prelibatam hac vice ac quis ultimo

presentavit ad eandem et quo jure, quem quoque et qualem, 1414.
videlicet an regularem vel secularem, cujusque ordinis, status seu condicionis extiterat ultimo presentatus ad eandem, et si secularis fuerat utrum ante illum consueverat aliquis secularis eligi aut presentari ad custodiam supradictam, et si sic quociens, quando et a quo tempore: et utrum dictum hospitale sive domus ex primeva dotacione sive fundacione ejusdem fuerit aut sit locus religiosus necne, et si sic cujus religionis existat et utrum sit talis religio que habeat professionem et habitum certum distinctum et separatum ab habitibus aliarum domuum et quis aut qualis fuerit et sit seu esse debeat hujusmodi habitus. Et an per magistrum sive custodem electivum seu presentatum, regularem vel secularem, perpetuum vel remotivum, solebat gubernari et an essent ibi plures persone regulares quam magister sive custos; et si sic quot et que fuit observancia earumdem et an hujusmodi persone regulares fuerunt perpetue vel remotive et per quem seu per quos debuerunt removeri; et an pauperes ibidem recipi et sustentari consueverunt ac quot et quales: necnon de observanciis eorumdem, ac de et super juribus et possessionibus quibuscumque ad hospitale predictum pertinentibus qualitercumque vel spectantibus, de vero valore annuo quoque jurium et possessionum hujusmodi, necnon de omnibus et singulis oneribus eidem hospitali infra et extra qualitercumque pertinentibus; et an hospitale predictum sit beneficium cum alio beneficio ecclesiastico incompassibili compaciens necne. De etate quoque, moribus, sciencia, ordinibus et conversacione ac meritis persone, ut prefertur, presentate, et si idem presentatus sit alibi beneficiatus, et si sic ubi et sub qua forma, videlicet an cum cura vel sine cura, et de et super omnibus et singulis in hac parte de jure debitis et requisitis in pleno loci capitulo infra scepta dicti hospitalis per vos celebrando per rectores et vicarios aliosque viros, tam ecclesiasticos quam temporales, seniores, provectiores et fidedigniores nostre diocesis seu aliene cujuscumque, gratis tunc ibidem comparere volentes, premissorum omnium et singulorum noticiam pleniorem verisimiliter optinentes, in forma juris juratos et examinatos, in hac parte diligentem inquisicionem faciatis pariter et fidelem. Et quid feceritis in premissis, necnon de die recepcionis presencium, inquisicionisque vestre in hac parte facte, nos distincte et aperte certificare curetis literis vestris

1414. patentibus vestri et inquisitorum hujusmodi sigillis consignatis, harum et inquisicionis predicte seriem una cum ipsorum inquisitorum nominibus et cognominibus plenius continentibus. Data sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Banewell, 16 Aprilis, 1414.

Fol. 82*d*. Afterwards on 21 April, at the same place, a certificate was returned of and upon the inquisition taken in this behalf under this form ;—

Reverendo etc. Nicholao etc. vester humilis et devotus filius Johannes Storthwayt, clericus, commissarius ad infrascripta specialiter deputatus, obedienciam et reverenciam tanto patri debitas cum omni subjeccione et honore. Literas (ut supra) xx^mo^ die mensis Aprilis, anno domini infrascripto, cum ea qua decuit reverencia humiliter recepi. Post quarum quidem literarum reverendarum recepcionem et earum auctoritate ad hospitale sive domum Sancte Katerine predictum vicesimo die mensis Aprilis personaliter accessi, et, vocatis in hac parte vocandis, inibi de et super omnibus et singulis articulis supradictis in dictis literis reverendis contentis, per rectores et vicarios, aliosque viros fidedignos tam ecclesiasticos quam temporales, seniores, provectiores et fidedigniores, vestre diocesis super premissis pleniorem noticiam optinentes, videlicet dominum Willelmum Dudelbury, vicarium de Radeclyve, Ricardum Jamys, vicarium Sancte Crucis Templi Bristollensis, Johannem Dyer, rectorem ecclesie de Clopton, Johannem Mason, vicarium ecclesie de Portbury, Thomam Godefalawe, capellanum cantarie Beate Marie de Redeclyve, et Thomam Busshop, capellanum, necnon probos viros Johannem Rederyce, Willelmum Ardern, Johannem Dogoode, Ricardum Chynnam, Walterum Archer, Ricardum Neel, Johannem Cabell, Thomam Ardern et Thomas Wylet, in forma juris juratos, et in pleno loci capitulo per me infra scepta dicti hospitalis celebrato congregatos et examinatos, inquisicionem feci diligentem pariter et fidelem qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod dictum hospitale sive domus Sancte Katerine jam vacat per resignacionem et cessionem expressam domini Nicholai Barnastapill, ultimi custodis ejusdem, solum ex imposicione domini Thome, domini de Berkele, absque ulla auctoritate canonica deputati, et incepit vacare in festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli ultimo jam preterito. Dominus Thomas

Berkele, dominus de Berkele, est verus patronus et fundator 1414.
ejusdem et ad eum jure hereditario pertinet jus presentandi ad hospitale predictum quodque bone memorie Edwardus tercius, dudum rex Anglie, racione minoris etatis domini Thome de Berkele predicti, ultimo presentavit dominum Johannem Dysforde ad idem hospitale, qui quidem dominus Johannes extitit notorie et adhuc est secularis persona et rector de Walton Londoniensis diocesis. Et utrum ante presentacionem prefati domini Johannis hujusmodi consueverat aliquis ad dictum hospitale eligi aut presentari, dicunt iidem inquisitores se ignorare. Dictum hospitale non est locus religiosus a primeva fundacione, nec aliqua professio de qua recolunt in eodem, quia audiverunt quod magister quondam hospitalis predicti ipsum permutavit cum perpetua vicaria de Portbury, et quod olim magister dicti loci habuit secum aliquando quatuor, aliquando tres, aliquando duos, presbyteros, socios sive confratres, qui omnes temporibus suis habitum gestarunt secularem sacerdotum, preterquam quod pro veste exteriori capa sive mantello de nigro vel burneto, cum rota Sancte Katerine de panno alterius coloris in sinistro pectore consuta, utebantur. Hospitale predictum non est electivum set ex primeva fundacione beneficium perpetuum, consuetum per secularem, ut premittitur, gubernari. In hospitali predicto solebant pauperes recipi juxta voluntatem magistri seu custodis, in numero majori vel minori, et ex elemosinaria largicione dicti magistri et aliorum eis subvenire volencium alimentari, necnon ad aliquem certum victum eis per dictum magistrum erogandum teneri nunquam aliqualiter audiverunt. Redditus dicti hospitalis, possessiones sive proventus, valorem xxiiij^or^ librarum annuatim non excedunt; dictumque hospitale tenetur singulis annis ecclesie de Bedmynstre ad annuam pensionem sex solidorum et octo denariorum solvendam rectori, et in festo Sancto Johannis Baptiste ecclesie de Bedmystre in duobus cereis duarum librarum cere. Dictum hospitale est beneficium cum alio curato compatibile, sicut dicunt. Presentatus ad idem hospitale est etatis quinquaginta annorum, bone conversacionis et honeste, sufficientis literature, in ordine sacerdotali constitutus, non est alibi beneficiatus, nichil obest presentanti seu presentato, quod sciant. Quam quidem inquisicionem sic per me, ut prefertur, factam, sigillo officii mei

1414. et sigillis eorum per quos inquisicio hujusmodi capta fuit sigillatam et clausam, vestre reverende fraternitati transmitto, quam diu conservet etc. Data apud Redeclyve, xx^mo^ die mensis et anni predictorum.

Fol. 83. On receipt of which certificate, the bishop on the said 21 April, at Banewell, instituted the said Sir John Worthy, priest, as master or warden of the said hospital; and he had letters for his induction.

489. April 18. Same place. On receipt of a presentation by the king, made to further an exchange of benefices between William Fostbury, clerk, parson of the parish church of Keyneston of the diocese of Salisbury, and Master John Orum, rector of the parish church of Rode, of the said William to the church of Rode, the bishop committed the business of such exchange to Robert, bishop of Salisbury; and on 21 April the aforesaid presentee brought back to him at the same place a certificate of the latter shewing that on the previous day, in his manor of Poterne, he had instituted him as rector of Rode. The said William then took the oath of obedience to the bishop and had letters for his induction.

490. May 11. Leycestre. On receipt of a presentation by Thomas Knoyell, esquire, of Sir John Colyns, priest, to the parish church of Sampford Orskays, bishop Nicholas commanded inquisition touching the vacancy, the right of the presenter and the presentee and the other articles usual in such cases, to be made by his commissary general, Master John Storthwayt, to
Fol. 83*d*. institute the presentee if the inquisition made for this; and to certify him by Trinity of the date of the taking of the inquisition and institution as well as of the names and surnames of the inquisitors.

Post quarum quidem literarum reverendam recepcionem et earum auctoritate inquisicionem de et super omnibus et singulis articulis supradictis per discretos viros, dominos Ricardum Wodehous de Weston, David Nansbyan de Southcadebury, Willelmum Hardyng de Poyntyngton, Walterum Turpyn de Chiryton, Thomam Kent de Rympton, Walterum Hulle de Sutton Montis, ecclesiarum rectores, Philippum Bristowe de Estcammell, John Prouns de Charleton Camvile, Ricardum

Spysour de Estcokir, ecclesiarum vicarios, et Johannem Mavile, 1414.
Willelmum Vele, Robertum Gascoigne ac Willelmum Hanam de Corfton, laicos dicte ecclesie de Sampforde viciniores, in capella Beate Marie Virginis juxta claustrum ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis, xxiiij^to^ die mensis Maii, vocatis in hac parte vocandis, feci diligentem fieri pariter et fidelem. Qui dicunt quod dicta ecclesia de Sampford Orskeys jam vacat et incepit vacare per mortem Magistri Roberti Pasware ultimo die mensis Aprilis proximi jam preteriti. Et dicunt quod juxta evidencias, informaciones et relaciones in hac parte exhibitas et monstratas sibi videtur quod Thomas Hillary et Agnes uxor ejusdem jure ipsius Agnetis habent jus presentandi ista vice ad ecclesiam predictam, eo videlicet quod quidam Thomas Homere adquisivit sibi medietatem dominii de Sampford predicta, cum advocacione ecclesie ejusdem alternis vicibus, a quodam domino Bartholomeo Payn, milite, fratre et herede Ricardi Payn, cui quidem Thome Homere, Johannes Babbecary, quondam maritus dicte Agnetis, et dicta Agnes in jure hereditario medietatis dicti dominii una cum advocacione prefate ecclesie successerunt et adhuc sunt in possessione medietatis dominii predicte. Thomas Knoyell, armiger, dominus alterius medietatis dominii predicti, presentavit ad eandem. Presentatus ad eandem est vir bone conversacionis et honeste, liber, legitimus, in ordine sacerdotali constitutus. Dicta ecclesia non est pensionaria seu porcionaria, taxe x*l.* et estimacionis annue xx marcarum. Nulla in hac parte intervenit simoniaca pravitas quod sciant. Quam quidem inquisicionem sic per me fideliter captam, unacum nominibus et cognominibus dictorum inquisitorum, sigillis eorum et officii mei sigillatam, fraternitate vestre reverende transmitto inclusam, quam diu conservet in prosperis Trinitas Indivisa. Data Wellie, 24 May, 1414. Et vestre translacionis anno septimo.

Postea vero primo die mensis Junii, apud Burford super le Wolde Wigorniensis diocesis, quidam Johannes Langthorn, presbiter presentavit dicto reverendo patri quamdam presentacionem eidem Johanni per dictum Thomam Knoyell a prefata presentacione facta domino Johanni Colyns expresse revocantem ad dictam ecclesiam de Sampford Orskeys. Cujus quidem presentacionis pretextu idem reverendus pater, apud Banewell sexto die mensis Junii supradicti, commisit Magistro

1414. Johanni Storthwayt super articulis debitis et consuetis potestatem inquirendi etc. Eisdem vero die, anno et loco proximo supradictis, idem reverendus pater, recepta per eundem presentacione cujusdam Thome Hillary facta Magistro Nicholao Steur ad
Fol. 84. dictam ecclesiam vacantem et ad suam presentacionem spectantem, ut asseruit, mandavit fore inquirendum super jure patronatus ejusdem ecclesie aliisque articulis in ea parte consuetis per dictum Magistrum Johannem Storthwayt in pleno loci capitulo in forma supradicto. Necnon subsequenter captis inquisicionibus hujusmodi partes supradicte de et super jure, titulo et possessione advocacionis dicte ecclesie ac de modo et forma alterne vicis presentandi ad eandem quandocumque et qualitercumque ipsa ecclesia vacaverit tractarunt, concordarunt, et concordiam suam in scriptis redactam dicto reverendo patri unanimiter presentari, et liberari fecerunt, in registro dicti reverendi patris ad perpetuam rei memoriam inserendam et registrandam sub forma que sequitur verborum ; —Hec indentura facta vicesimo octavo die Julii anno regni regis Henrici quinti post conquestum secundo, inter Thomam Knoyell, ex parte una, et Thomam Hillary et Agnetem uxorem ejus et Johannem Jerard filium ejusdem Agnetis ex parte altera, testatur quod cum diverse lites, discordie, acciones et querele inter partes predictas super et de jure, titulo et possessione advocacionis ecclesie de Sandford Oreskoys, ac de modo et forma alterne vicis presentandi ad eandem quandocumque etc. orte et mote fuerunt et adhuc pendent indiscusse, quod partes predicte concordate sunt et convencionem inde modo et forma subsequentibus pro ipsis, eorum quolibet, heredibus et assignatis eorum, pro perpetuo observandam et firmiter absque perturbacione seu inquietacione aliqua firmiter tenendam inierunt et per presentes fecerunt, videlicet quod predictus Thomas Hillary et Agnes uxor ejus et Johannes Jerard cognoscunt per presentes quod predictus Thomas Knoyell habuit et habet jus, titulum et possessionem sibi heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum per terminum alterne vicis ad dictam ecclesiam presentandi tanquam ad medietatem manerii predicti in manu ejusdem Thome Knoyell existentem spectantem, ac predictus Thomas Knoyell cognoscit per presentes quod predictus Thomas Hillary et Agnes uxor ejus, ut in jure ipsius Agnetis, et Johannes

Jerard antedictus, habuerunt et habent sibi, heredibus et 1414.
assignatis ejusdem Johannis Jerard, jus, titulum et possessionem altera alterna vice per turnum ad dictam ecclesiam presentandi tanquam ad alteram medietatem dicti manerii in manu ejusdem Thome Hillary, ut prefertur existentem spectancia. Et ulterius predictus Thomas Knoyell pro se et heredibus suis concedit per presentes quod predictus Thomas Hillary durante vita dicte Agnetis ut in jure ipsius Agnetis, seu ipsa Agnes, post mortem ipsius Thome Hillary, aut dictus Johannes Jerard, heredes et assignati sui, aut unus eorum, post mortem ejusdem Agnetis, in proxima prima vacacione dicte ecclesie de Sandford post diem confeccionis presencium qualitercumque vacaverit, presentabunt aut presentabit clericum suum ad dictam ecclesiam absque perturbacione, inquietacione, impedimento per aliquam presentacionem per ipsum Thomam Knoyell aut aliquem heredum aut assignatorum suorum aut aliter inde quovismodo faciendis. Et ulterius predictus Thomas Knoyell pro se et Fol. 84*d*.
heredibus suis vult et concedit per presentes quod predictus Thomas Hillary, ut in jure ipsius Agnetis, seu ipsa Agnes post mortem ejusdem Thome Hillary, aut ipse Johannes Jerard post mortem ejusdem Agnetis, aut aliquis heredum aut assignatorum ipsius Johannis Jerard, in proxima secunda vacacione post diem confeccionis presencium presentabit clericum suum ad eandem ecclesiam ut in jure, titulo et possessione, ac turno suo alterne vicis ad dictam ecclesiam, ut premittitur, presentandi. Et insuper partes predicte concordate sunt per presentes quod Thomas Knoyell antedictus, heredes et assignati sui, aut unus eorum in proxima tercia vacacione presentabunt aut presentabit clericum suum ad dictam ecclesiam, ut in jure, titulo et possessione et turno suo alterne vicis ad dictam ecclesiam presentandi, ut premittitur, ad dictam medietatem etc. Et quod predictus Thomas Hillary ut in jure etc. in proxima quarta vacacione presentabunt aut presentabit. Et sic extunc alternatim.

Et ulterius predictus Thomas Knoyell ad affirmandum, fortificandum et approbandum jus, titulum et possessionem alterne vicis ad dictam ecclesiam presentandi prout in jure dicte Agnetis, Johannis Jerard, heredum et assignatorum ejusdem Johannis superius recitatur, per quoddam scriptum suum, cum

1414. warantia in eodem contenta, cujus data est apud Sandford predictam vicesimo quinto die Julii ultimo preterito ante diem confeccionis presencium, concessit prefatis Agneti et Johanni Jerard, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Johannis, quandam placeam terre vocatam Piterokesham unacum advocacione ecclesie predicte per turnum presentandi ad eandem, prout in dicto scripto ejusdem Thome Knoyell plenarie testatur. In cujus etc. partes predicte; hiis indenturis alternatim sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus;—Roberto Erlegh, Johanne Hugyn, Johanne Fauntleroy, Johanne Gold, Johanne Boef, Johanne Mamell, Roberto Peytevyn, et aliis. Data apud Sandford Oreskoys. Admissio vero et institucio in ecclesia predicta vigore concordie supradicte sequitur inferius suo ordine etc. Presentaciones et inquisiciones ac alia gesta et facta in negocio antedicto omittuntur propter concordiam antedictam.

491. July 7. Banewell. On receipt of a presentation by Sir Thomas Broke, knight, made because of an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Coke, priest, chaplain or warden of the chantry of Cheverell Parva of the diocese of Salisbury, and John Iveray *alias* Forde, rector of the parish church of Cricheston, of Sir William to the latter church, bishop Nicholas committed to Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of the exchange; and on 12 July, at the same place, a certificate of the latter was returned that, on 7 July, in his manor of Poterne, he had accordingly instituted Sir William in the church of Cricheston. The presentee then took the oath of obedience and had letters for his induction.

492. July 14. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir John Bosham, priest, as rector of the parish church of St. Mary, Bokelond, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Lymyngton; at the presentation of Edward, duke of York, earl of Rutland and Cork, and lord of Wyght, guardian of William Bonevile, a minor, patron of the church.

493. July 28. Same place. On receipt of a certificate of
Fol. 85. Master J. Storthwayt, commissary general, upon an inquisition made by him by the bishop's authority, the bishop instituted

Sir John Singnat, priest, as perpetual chaplain of the chantry of Sireston, at the presentation of Elizabeth Poulet. 1414.

494. As above. In furtherance of a commission of Richard, bishop of London, for an exchange of the benefices written below, bishop Nicholas collated to Sirs Richard Clifford, a canonry and the prebend of Shaldeford in the church of Wells, and John Wakeryng, a canonry and the prebend of Twiford in the church of London, and invested them therein. Sir Richard, in the person of John Wawe, literate, his proctor, swore obedience to him and had letters to the dean or president of the chapter for his installation, and to the bishop of London for induction into the corps of the prebend; and John Codeford, proctor of Sir John, had letters of the collation and a certificate of the expedition of such exchange.

495. Aug. 6. Same place. The bishop instituted Sir John Langthorp, priest, as rector of the parish church of Sampford Orskeys, vacant by the death of Master Robert Passewar; at the presentation of Thomas Knoyell, esquire, patron as shown in an agreement written above.

496. Aug. 8. Same place. He granted for one year, forty days of indulgence to all persons making benefactions of their goods in aid of the free chapel of Keneley of the diocese of Worcester which is in a very ruinous state.

497. Aug. 17. Same place. By force of a commission of Henry, archbishop elect and confirmed of Canterbury, bishop Nicholas set forward an exchange of benefices between Sir Robert Broun, priest, parson of the parish church of Morston with the chapel of Swaynestre annexed of the diocese of Canterbury, and Thomas Coulyng, rector of the parish church of Spaxton; and instituted Sir Robert in the church of Spaxton, at the presentation of Robert Hull, esquire, lord of Spaxton. Thomas Coulyng was admitted into the said church and chapel and had a certificate of the execution of the said commission for the said elect.

498. Mandatum pro processionibus faciendis pro serenitate aeris.

1414. Vicesimo die mensis et anni proximo predictorum, loco supranotato, supradictus reverendus pater direxit suum mandatum singulis archidiaconis sue diocesis ad exorandum
Fol. 85*d*. pro statu ecclesie etc. sub hac forma :—Nicholaus etc. dilecto in Christo filio etc. Optimus Dominus, de cujus trono procedunt tonitrua et fulgura aliaqua flagella quibus filios quos recipit flagellare disponit, modernis temporibus catholicorum gentem et regna per insolitas tempestates inundacionesque pluviarum et aquarum diluvia hiis diebus (peccatis hominum prochdolor! exigentibus) jam concussit, set pie et salubriter est credendum quia altitudo diviciarum et sapiencie et sciencie Dei, cujus bonitas est immensa, super populum suum virgam direccionis emisit ut ipsum ab invio peccati revocet, corrigat et castiget. Ninivite siquidem, quibus fuit oraculo prophetico digne pronunciata subversio, penitenciam agentes fuerunt ab exterminio comminato Dei judicio misericorditer liberati, sic nos eorum exemplo per penitenciam et alia pietatis opera humiliari optemus ex toto corde et tota anima coram Deo ut supplicantium prece placatus a furore ire sue propicium revertatur et a nobis vindictas subtrahat ac misericordiam porrigat adjutricem. Quod ut efficacius unanimiter exequamur devotas letanias et processiones fidelium saltem singulis quartis et sextis feriis in singulis ecclesiis, tam secularibus quam regularibus sive conventualibus, nostre diocesis fore prospeximus ordinandas. Vobis igitur in virtute sancte obediencie firmiter injungendo, mandamus quatinus presens mandatum nostrum in singulis ecclesiis infra dicti archidiaconatus ambitum ubiliter constitutis opportunis temporibus faciatis publice exponi in vulgari et veram copiam ejusdem in singulis ecclesiis ejusdem archidiaconatus realiter dimitti; moneatis insuper et efficaciter inducatis universos abbates, priores, magistros hospitalium et eorum collegia sive conventus, necnon rectores, vicarios et capellanos parochiales et alios ecclesie prelatos quoscumque dicti archidiaconatus et per eos parochianos et subditos eorumdem moneri faciatis efficaciter et induci; quibus nos eciam sub obediencia consimili tenore presencium injungimus et mandamus quatinus locis et temporibus presignatis ad processiones hujusmodi, cessante excusacione legitima, pie conveniant et devote precesque fundant Altissimo ut misericordie Dei nos cito anticipent et

avertant a populo Christiano hujusmodi inundaciones pluviarum 1414.
et aquarum, diluvia aliorumque duriciam flagellorum, serenitatem quoque aeris et auram salubrem pro sua magna pietate tribuat, indulgeat et concedat; inter alia, si placet, illud psalmi dicendo Ne memineris, Domine, iniquitatum nostrarum antiquarum, cito anticipent nos misericordie tue quia pauperes facti sumus nimis: adjuva nos Deus Salutaris noster, et propter gloriam Fol. 86.
nominis tui libera nos et propicius esto peticionibus nostris propter nomen sanctum tuum. Omnibus vero parochianis nostris de peccatis suis vere contritis et confessis processionibus hujusmodi personaliter interessentibus Deum, ut prefertur, exorantibus, necnon pro pace, statu et tranquillitate ecclesie sancte Dei et regni ac domini nostri regis Henrici quinti, universique populi Christiani salute, oracionem Dominicam cum salutacione angelica, genibus flexis, dicentibus, mente pia, de Dei Omnipotentis immensa misericordia, et Beate Marie Virginis, matris sue, ac Beatorum Apostolorum Petri, Pauli et Andree, patronorum nostrorum, Omniumque Sanctorum, patrocinio confidentes, quadraginta dies indulgencie de injunctis eis penitenciis tociens quociens, misericorditer in Domino relaxamus. De diebus etc. nos citra festum Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis etc. Date in manerio nostro de Banewell xx^mo^ die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo, ccccxiiij^mo^ et nostre translacionis septimo.

499. Aug. 21. Banewell. The bishop instituted Sir John Wynford, priest, as rector of the parish church of Radestoke, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Brampton, *alias* Whete; at the presentation of John Stourton, esquire, patron of the church as has been found by inquisition.

500. Aug. 31. Ivelcestre. The bishop granted letters dimissory to William Morys, deacon, literate of the diocese, to the order of the priesthood, and to Robert Langthorn, having the first tonsure, literate of the diocese, to all [orders], major and minor.

501. Sept. 3. —. He granted letters dimissory;—
to Robert Brugge, acolyte, to all etc.
to John Wodelond, having the first tonsure, to the order of the acolyteship.
to Robert Schete, deacon, to the order of the priesthood.

1414. 502. Altare portatile.

As above. He granted for one year to Thomas Dedyngton, esquire, of the parish of Welyngton, licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in his presence in his oratory in the said parish; without prejudice etc.

503. Sept. 5. Bruggewater. He granted letters dimissory to John Jede, acolyte, to the orders of the sub-diaconate and the diaconate; and to Nicholas Holeg, having the first tonsure, to all to which he has not yet attained.

504. Altare portatile.

As above. The bishop granted, for one year, to Nicholas Coker, esquire, licence to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in his presence in his oratory in the parish of Jevele.

505. Sept. 6. Banewell. On receipt by the bishop of a mandate of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in Lambeth manor, 18 August, 1414, contained in the usual manner in a letter of Richard, bishop of London, dated in his palace at London, 22 August, 1414, for the convocation of the province of
Fol. 86*d*. Canterbury to be summoned to meet at St. Paul's, London, on 1 October next, it was commanded to the president of the chapter of Wells, the prior and chapter of Bath, the archdeacons of Bath, Wells, Taunton and Glastonbury, and others, to give effect to the same in the diocese.

506. Sept. 14. —. The bishop instituted Sir Richard Spryngald, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Milton Clyvedon, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Chamberleyn; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

507. Sept. 22. —. He instituted Si John Reynald, priest, as rector of the parish church of Egforton *alias* Fayroke, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Craneborn; at the presentation of Richard Paule, esquire.

508. Renunciacio juris adquisiti per presentacionem ad vicariam de Huwyssh.

Vicesimo sexto die mensis et anni supradictorum, in quadam alta camera infra hospicium episcopi Menevensis vulgariter

nuncupatum quod tunc inhabitabat reverendus etc. Nicholaus 1414.
etc., infra parochiam Sancte Brigide Londoniensis in Fletstrete situatum, in Johannis Reynold, clerici, notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia, coram prefato episcopo, quidam Philippus Mellis, presbiter, ut asseruit, nuper ad perpetuam vicariam ecclesie parochialis et prebendalis de Huwyssh et Langport, per venerabilem virum dominum Johannem Ikelyngton, archidiaconum Wellensem, publice habitum et reputatum, ut dixit, tunc ibidem presentatus quamdam renunciacionem et dimissionem ejusdem vicarie in scriptis redactam publice legit et fecit, sub hac forma verborum ;—In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis reverende etc. Nicholao etc. Ego Philippus Mellis, capellanus nuper ad vicariam perpetuam ecclesie parochialis et prebendalis de Huwyssh et Langport, vestre diocesis, per venerabilem virum dominum Johannem Ikelyngton, archidiaconum Wellensem, vestre paternitati presentatus, toto et omni juri michi per dictam presentacionem ac omnia inde secuta adquisito seu competenti vel competituro in et ad eandem pure, sponte, simpliciter, et absolute renuncio et ab eodem recedo totaliter in hiis scriptis. Quam quidem renunciacionem, sic ut prefertur factam, idem reverendus pater tunc ibidem admisit, presentibus venerabilibus viris, dicto domino Johanne Ikelyngton, archidiacono Wellensi, Magistris Thoma Bubbewith, in utroque jure bacallario, Johanne Hody, et Henrico Harburgh, canonicis Wellensibus, testibus etc.

Sept. 27. Same place. The bishop instituted Master Thomas Fol. 87.
Come, clerk, to the abovesaid perpetual vicarage, at the presentation of the said archdeacon. And he had letters to induct him directed to the dean of Wells or his official as is usual, as appears above on Fol. 71, in the beginning.

509. Vicesimo nono die mensis predicte anno et loco proximo supra descriptio, recepto brevi regio tenoris infrascripti certificatum fuit thesaurario et baronibus scaccarii domini nostri regis post debitum scrutinium in hac parte habitum sub hac forma. Scrutatis registris nostris et aliis evidenciis materiam in brevi infrascripto contentam concernentibus, invenimus quod infrascriptus prior et conventus tenent et toto tempore domini Henrici nuper regis Anglie quarti post conquestum tenuerunt

1414. ecclesiam de Coryryvell nostre diocesis in proprios usus. Tenor vero dicti brevis sequitur et est talis;—Henricus Dei gracia etc. venerabili etc. N. etc. salutem. Volentes certis de causis quod thesaurarius et barones de scaccario nostro per vos certiorentur si prior et conventus de Bustlesham teneant in proprios usus et toto tempore domini Henrici, nuper regis Anglie, patris nostri, tenuerunt ecclesiam de Cury Ryvell, vestre diocesis, necne: vobis mandamus quod scrutatis registris et aliis evidenciis vestris premissa tangentibus de eo quod inde inveneritis prefatum thesaurarium et barones apud Westmonasterium in crastino Sancti Martini sub sigillo vestro distincte et aperte certificetis unacum hoc brevi. Teste W. Lasyngby apud Westmonasterium, xv die Octobris anno regni nostri secundo.

Per baronem Thresk.

510. Nov. 13. London. The bishop instituted Sir Nicholas Sturgeon, priest, as warden of the free chapel of Alveston *alias* Alvodeston, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Wyllys; at the presentation of Sir John Pomeray, knight.

511. Nov. 19. Canterbury. The bishop instituted Sir John Dyer, priest, as master or warden of the hospital of St. Katherine by Bristol, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Worthy; at the presentation of lord Thomas, lord of Berkele.

Fol. 87*d*. 512. Appointment of Master John Storthwayt, bachelor in both laws, as president of the bishop's consistory, in the absence of his principal official [with powers as in n°. 74].

513. Nov. 19. Canterbury. The bishop instituted John Dyer, priest [*as in* n°. 511]; at the presentation of lord Thomas de Berkle, lord of Berkle.

514. Nov. 16. The bishop's inn at London. Commission to Sir Thomas Shelford, canon of the church of Wells, to confer all benefices pertaining to the bishop's collation and presentation during the absence of the latter abroad to persons named in a schedule written with the bishop's own hand and delivered to him.

REGISTRUM REVERENDI IN CHRISTO PATRIS AC DOMINI DOMINI NICHOLAI BUBBEWYTH, BATHONIENSIS ET WELLENSIS EPISCOPI, DE ET SUPER EXPEDITIS PER VENERABILEM VIRUM DOMINUM JOHANNEM ROLAND, CANONICUM WELLENSEM, IPSIUS REVERENDI PATRIS EXTRA REGNUM AGENTIS IN SACRO CONSILIO GENERALI APUD CONSTANCIAM, PROVINCIE MAGUNTIÑ, PRO REDINTEGRACIONE, UNIONE AC REFORMACIONE MILITANTIS ECCLESIE CELEBRATO, INCIPIENS SEXTO DIE MENSIS DECEMBRIS ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO QUADRINGENTESIMO QUARTO DECIMO. 1414. Fol. 88.

515. Commissio vicarii in spiritualibus generalis.

Nicholaus etc. dilecto in Christo filio domino Johanni Roland, canonico ecclesie nostre cathedralis Wellensis, salutem, graciam et benediccionem. Quia nos nedum de voluntate et mandato serenissimi principis et domini nostri domini Henrici, Dei gracia regis Anglie et Francie et domini Hibernie illustris, verum eciam ex nominacione et eleccione concorde venerabillimi patris nostri, ecclesie Cantuariensis metropolitani, et ejusdem ecclesie suffraganeorum necnon ceterorum prelatorum et cleri Cantuariensis provincie in provinciali consilio nuperrime in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi celebrato congregatorum, ad concilium generale in civitate Constancie celebrandum propter unionem, redintegracionem, pacem et tranquillitatem universalis ecclesie, cujus Dei gracia a nostra diocesi sumus per aliqua tempora abfuturi, confidentes quamplurimum de vestris circumspeccionis industria et consciencie puritate, vos, nobis agentibus in remotis, nostrum in spiritualibus in nostris civitatibus et diocesi, harum tenore, vicarium constituimus generalem, potestatem vobis plenariam concedentes quatenus cum personis ecclesiasticis, in dicta nostra diocesi beneficiatis, in forma constitucionis *Cum ex eo*, per unum annum dispensandi, literas dimissorias pro ordinibus clericis nostre diocesis ab aliis episcopis infra regnum Anglie intitulatis suscipiendis, tam regularibus quam secularibus, concedendi, ordines per aliquem episcopum catholicum quibuscumque clericis nostre ac aliarum diocesium per suos ordinarios sufficienter dimissis et titulos canonicos exhibentibus, locis congruis et temporibus ad hoc statutis, celebrari et conferri; ecclesias, capellas et cimiteria, sanguinis

1414. aut seminis effusione seu alia quacumque de causa polluta, dedicari et reconciliari faciendi; excommunicatos, suspensos vel interdictos, eciam in casibus nobis specialiter reservatis (libertatum ecclesiarum nostrarum cathedralium Bathoniensis et Wellensis violantibus ac parcorum nostrorum fractoribus dumtaxat exceptis) in forma juris absolvendi; crimina et excessus quorumcumque subditorum nostrorum corrigendi, puniendi et reformandi; eleccionum decreta et earundem causas sive negocia recipendi, audiendi, examinandi et discutiendi ac super eisdem cognoscendi, procedendi, statuendi et discernendi, ipsasque elecciones, si canonice et de personis idoneis rite facte fuerint, confirmandi vel alias infirmandi et reprobandi, personis idoneis rite electis administracionem in spiritualibus et temporalibus, ut moris est committendi, canonicamque obedienciam nobis ab eis debitam recipiendi, ipsos itaque installandi seu installari faciendi; monasteriis, prioratibus, domibus sive locis in quibus electores in casibus a jure expressis potestate eligendi sunt ipso jure privati seu per sentenciam privari contigerit, de personis idoneis canonice providendi; negocia presentacionum, donationum ac eciam permutacionum de quibuscumque beneficiis ecclesiasticis nostre diocesis et earum causas examinandi, discutiendi et eas atque ea, si liquent, auctorizandi, expediendi ac fine debito terminandi; presentatasque ad hujusmodi beneficia ecclesiastica personas idoneas ac alias quibus beneficia hujusmodi donari contigerit admittendi, instituendi et ut moris est induci corporaliter faciendi, obedienciam canonicam ab eisdem nobis debitam recipiendi; beneficia ecclesiastica qualiacumque infra dictam nostram diocesim injuste occupantes, seu eciam detinentes contra canonica instituta, juris ordine observato, destituendi, puniendi et eciam removendi; brevia regia recipiendi et retornandi; clericos convictos coram justiciariis prefati domini nostri regis seu aliis judicibus secularibus quibuscumque recipiendi et custodie nostre carceris sive prisone mancipari videndi seu faciendi; clericorum incarceratorum purgacionem per compurgatores idoneos admittendi et eos prout justum fuerit de nostro carcere liberandi; omniaque alia et singula faciendi, gerendi et expediendi que hujusmodi vicariatus officio de jure seu consuetudine laudabili quomodolibet incumbere dinoscuntur; collaciones vero et presentaciones beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum ad nostram collacionem

meram, liberam et plenam, seu eciam per lapsum temporis juxta statuta Lateranensis concilii quovis modo spectancium, nobis reservando specialiter per expressum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Date in hospicio habitacionis nostre Londoniensis, sextodecimo die mensis Novembris, 1414, et nostre translacionis anno septimo. 1414.

516. Venerabili et preclare circumspeccionis viro, domino Paulo de Caputgrassis de Salmona, decretorum doctori, sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Johannis, divina providencia, pape vicesimi tercii, cubiculario, ac ejusdem et sedis apostolice in regno Anglie nuncio et collectori, Johannes Rouland, canonicus Wellensis, reverendi etc. Nicholai, Dei gracia Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi, in remotis agentis, vicarius in spiritualibus generalis, honorem et mutuam in Domino caritatem. Literas vestras reverendas nuper recepimus in hec verba ;—Reverendo etc. Nicholao etc. Paulus de Caputgrassis de Salmona etc. seipsum cum reverencia et honore debitis tanto patri, ipsiusve, vicario in spiritualibus generali, eo in remotis agente, salutem in Auctore salutis. Vobis conjunctim et divisim auctoritate apostolica qua fungimur in hac parte, tenore presencium, committimus et in virtute sancte obediencie et juramenti per vos, dicte reverende pater, prestiti quibus prefate sedi tenemini, cum ea qua decet reverencia firmiter injungendo mandamus quatenus contra personas vestre diocesis infrascriptas, presens nostrum (imo verius apostolicum) mandatum juxta omnem vim, formam et effectum ejusdem in omnibus et per omnia diligenter exequamini seu per alios execucioni debite facietis demandari ; moneri insuper et citari canonice et peremptorie faciatis omnes et singulos inferius annotatos, personaliter si reperiantur alioquin in beneficiis seu domiciliis eorumdem, quod compareant et eorum quilibet compareat coram nobis in civitate Londoniensi in hospicio nostro, vel coram locumtenenti nostro, in casu quo a dicta civitate nos contigerit absentari, citra diem decimum octavum mensis Decembris proxime futurum, sub pena majoris excommunicacionis quam contra eos et eorum quemlibet, ipsorum mora et contumacia exigentibus, fulminare, aggravare et reaggravare intendimus, ac eciam sub pena sequestracionis fructuum, de Fol. 88*d*.

1414. pecuniarum summis et juribus apostolice camere et nobis ipsius nomine ex causa infrascripta debitis per eosdem nobis seu dicto locumtenenti nostro plenarie satisfacturi, causasve rationabiles quare ad hoc minime teneantur coram nobis seu dicto locumtenenti in forma juris ostensuri, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi quod justicia suadebit; et quid fieri feceritis in premissis nos citra diem predictum clare certificetis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem ac execucionis vestre modum continentes sigillo vestro sigillatas. Super quibus omnibus vestras consciencias in Domino districtius oneramus. Date Londonii, in hospicio nostro apud Fratres Minores sub sigillo quo utimur ad presens, die xxj^{mo} mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} xiiij^{o}. Quarum auctoritate literarum moneri et citari fecimus religiosos viros abbatem de Keynesham et abbatem de Glastonia et abbatem de Muchelnye, abbatem de Athelnye, abbatem de Clyve, priorem et conventum Bathonie, priorem Montis Acuti, priorem de Taunton, priorem de Dunstere, personaliter apprehensos in domiciliis eorundem, quod compareant et quilibet eorum compareat, coram vobis in civitate Londoniensi in hospicio vestro, vel locumtenente vestro in casu quo a dicta civitate vos contigerit absentari, citra diem xviij instantis mensis Decembris, sub pena in dictis vestris literis expressata ad solvendas vobis seu dicto locumtenenti vestro procuraciones per ipso debitas camere apostolice et vobis ipsius nomine; ulteriusque recipiendum et faciendum quod tenor dictarum vestrarum literarum exigit et requirit. Et sic mandatum vestrum reverendum sumus per omnia debite executi. Date Wellie sub sigillo dicti reverendi patris ad causas quo utimur in officio nostro vj^{to} die mensis Decembris anno domini supradicto.

517. Dec. 6. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Thomas Scherde, chaplain, as rector of the parish church of St. John, Ivelcestre, vacant by the death of Sir Nicholas Norys; at the king's presentation.

518. As above. He granted to John Goddeslond, acolyte, and John Laane, clerk, having the first tonsure, of the diocese, letters dimissory, to wit, the former to all orders, and the latter

to the minor order of the acolyteship and the holy order of the subdiaconate, from any catholic bishop titled in England. 1414.

519. Dec. 5. Wells. He received a letter of Richard, bishop of London, dated in his palace at London, 26 October, containing for execution in the diocese the tenour of a letter of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, in these words;—Reverendo etc. Nicholao etc. seu vicario suo in spiritualibus generali, Ricardus etc. salutem et sincere dileccionis continuum incrementum. Literas reverendissimi etc. Henrici etc. xxv die presentis mensis Octobris reverenter recepimus in hec verba;—Henricus etc. Cum vos ceterique prelati et clerus nostre Cantuariensis provincie in concilio nostro provinciali nuper in ecclesia sancti Pauli Londoniensi celebrato pro sumptibus et expensis nunciorum apostolicorum adtunc in civitate Londoniensi presentium aliorumque prelatorum dicte provincie ex communi deliberacione ejusdem concilii ad concilium generale in civitate Constantinensi ad reformacionem status universalis ecclesie in proximo per Dei graciam celebrandum transiturorum concesseritis ac dicti prelati et clerus subsidium concesserint infrascriptum videlicet de quibuscumque beneficiis ecclesiasticis provincie antedicte taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis (exceptis beneficiis pauperum monialium et hospitalariorum et aliorum in partibus Wallie et alibi per guerras destructis, de quibus stetur certificatoriis ordinariorum in quorum diocesibus hujusmodi beneficia situata existunt) de singulis libris beneficiorum hujusmodi duos denarios, necnon de quibuscumque dignitatibus, archidiaconatibus, personatibus, officiis perpetuis, ecclesiis prebendis, capellis liberis et aliis beneficiis ecclesiasticis dicte provincie, non taxatis nec ad decimam solvere consuetis (beneficiis curatis, scilicet rectoriis et vicariis quorum verus valor annuus ad summam centum solidorum se non extendit ac cantariis cujuscumque valoris existant dumtaxat exceptis) de singulis marcis veri valoris eorumdem estimandi per episcopos locorum in quorum diocesibus dignitates etc. hujusmodi situati existunt duodecim denarios, solvendos, etc. Fol. 89.

Data in manerio nostro de Croydon xxii die mensis Octobris 1414 et nostre translacionis anno primo:

Dec. 12. Wells. The vicar general communicated the Fol. 89*d*.

1414. above letters to the master or warden of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater, and the brethren of the same place, and deputed them to be collectors of the subsidy.

The VICAR GENERAL to HENRY, archbishop of CANTERBURY.

Literas venerabilis etc. Ricardi Londoniensis episcopi cum vestris literis aliis eidem ad infrascriptis directis inserto tenore ut supra pridem quinto die instantis mensis Decembri et non ante recepimus. Premissarum utique literarum auctoritate concessionem predictam per civitates et diocesim Bathonienses et Wellenses, prout convenit, publicavimus, facta primitus per nos fideli estimacione et taxacione veri valoris beneficiorum in dictis civitatibus et diocesi non taxatorum nec ad decimam solvere consuetorum, ad numerum et juxta modum in annexa cedula annotatos. Et quamvis literas predictas post
Fol. 90. tempus sicut premittitur quo explicari debuissent recepimus, ita quod eas exequi non valuimus in forma demandata adhuc, tamen ne in totum frustrarentur dictos duos denarios de libra et duodecim de marca de beneficiis predictis juxta vim, formam et effectum concessionis predicte per magistrum sive custodem domus Sancti Johannis de Bruggewatre et ejusdem loci confratres, quos in hac parte collectores deputavimus, levari cum celeritate possibili et venerabilibus viris Magistris Johanni Kempe, decano, et Johanni Perche, registratori, supradictis vel eorum alteri Londonii mandavimus de facto solvi fideliter, spreta mora. Beneficia quidem pauperum monialium de Canyngton et Barwe et hospitalariorum de Bylleswyk et Sancti Johannis predicta taxata, a prestacione dicti subsidii infra diocesim predictam excipiuntur. Et nomina beneficiorum non taxatorum nec ad decimam solvere consuetorum infra diocesim de quibus certificari mandatur, unacum vera estimacione valoris annui eorumdem in annexa cedula continentur. Et sic mandatum predictum sumus de facto prout potuimus diligenter executi, rogantes humiliter quatinus factum nostrum in premissis ratificare, si placeat, curantes dignemini terminum solucionis dicti subsidii prefigere collectoribus pretaxatis seu alias decernere in hac parte prout vestra paternitas reverendissima duxerit faciendum, quam ad ecclesie et gregis commissi felix regimen et munimen

dignetur Altissimus tam votive quam prospere conservare. In 1414.
cujus rei testimonium sigillum ad causas dicti reverendi patris N. Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi, apud nos ut eo utamur dimissum presentibus apposuimus. Data Wellie x die mensis Decembris anno domini supradicto.

Estimacio veri valoris annui beneficiorum Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis non taxatorum nec ad decimam solvere consuetorum de quibus incumbentes solvere tenentur ad subsidium juxta formam concessionis suprascripte ;—

Decanatus Bathoniensis.	
Ecclesia de Northstoke.	x marce.
Ecclesia Sancti Michaelis extra portam.	xij marce.
Ecclesia Sancte Marie infra portam.	viij marce.
Ecclesia Sancti Jacobi.	x marce.
Vicaria de Weston.	xij marce.
Vicaria de Southestoke.	xv marce.
Vicaria de Twyverton.	viiij marce.
Vicaria de Inglescombe.	100*s*.
Vicaria de Stalles.	xij marce.
Vicaria de Baathneston.	xij marce.
Decanatus de Radclyve.	
Ecclesia de Brokley.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Chelney.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Obley.	xv marce.
Ecclesia de Norton Malereward.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Staunton Priour.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Clutton.	xij marce.
Ecclesia de Burnet.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Bakewell.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Temple Bristollensi.	x marce.
Vicaria de Yatton.	x marce.
Vicaria de Clyvedon.	x marce.
Vicaria de Eston.	c*s*.
Vicaria de Westharptre.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Asshton.	x marce.
Vicaria de Portbury.	x marce.
Vicaria de Stawnton Drewe.	xij marce.
Vicaria de Compton Dando.	viij marce.

1414. Decanatus de Frome.

Ecclesia de Tyleford.	xij marce.
Ecclesia de Babyngton.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Lutton.	c*s*.
Vicaria de Kynmersdon.	x marce.
Vicaria de Henton.	vj marce.
Vicaria de Bokeland Denham.	viij marce.

Decanatus de Cary.

Ecclesia de Spertgrove.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Penne.	c*s*.
Ecclesia de Hornblowton.	x marce.
Ecclesia de Almesford.	c*s*.
Ecclesia de Northbarwe.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Kyngton.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Pylton.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Estpenhard.	x marce.
Vicaria de Barton.	c*s*.
Vicaria de Cary.	x marce.
Ecclesia de Stoketristre.	c*s*.
Ecclesia de Blakeford.	x marce.

Fol. 90*d*. Decanatus de Mersshton.

Vicaria de Estcoker.	x marce.
Vicaria de Moddeford.	x marce.
Vicaria de Mersshton.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Hengestrugge.	viij marce.
Libera capella de Kyngeston.	viij marce.

Decanatus de Ilchestre.

Ecclesia Beate Marie Major ibidem.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Kyngesbury.	xv marce.
Vicaria de Estchynnok.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Compton Dunden.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Pitteney.	viij marce.

Decanatus de Axbrugg.

Ecclesia de Schepham.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Brenge.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Woky.	x marce.
Vicaria de Westbury.	x marce.
Vicaria de Wedemore.	x marce.
Vicaria de Southbrent.	x marce.

Decanatus de Axbrugg—*continued.*		1414.
Vicaria de Barwys.	viij marce.	
Vicaria de Burnham.	xij marce.	
Vicaria de Wynscombe.	viij marce.	
Vicaria de Worle.	viij marce.	
Vicaria de Banewell.	xx marce.	
Vicaria de Kuestoke.	c*s*.	
Vicaria de Compton Episcopi.	viij marce.	
Libera capella de Blakeford.	viij marce.	
Decanatus de Poulett.		
Vicaria de Poulett.	viij marce.	
Vicaria de Wollyngton.	viij marce.	
Decanatus de Crukern.		
Ecclesia de Bradon.	viij marce.	
Ecclesia de Cryket Thomas.	viij marce.	
Ecclesia de Chafcombe.	viij marce.	
Ecclesia de Hache.	viij marce.	
Ecclesia de Beere.	c*s*.	
Vicaria de Meriet.	x marce.	
Vicaria de Fifede.	ix marce.	
Vicaria de Coryryvell.	xiiij marce.	
Vicaria de Ilton.	x marce.	
Vicaria de Ilmenstre.	xv marce.	
Vicaria de Cherde.	x marce.	
Vicaria de Comb Sancti Nicholai.	x marce.	
Vicaria de Wynsame.	viij marce.	
Libera capella de Crukern.	c*s*.	
Decanatus de Tanton.		
Ecclesia de Orchard.	viij marce.	
Ecclesia de Hethfeld.	c*s*.	
Vicaria de Kyngeston.	xij marce.	
Vicaria de Bradford.	x marce.	
Vicaria de Sampford.	c*s*.	
Vicaria de Hale.	x marce.	
Decanatus de Dunster.		
Ecclesia de Skelgate.	viij marce.	
Ecclesia de Wythecombe.	viij marce.	
Ecclesia de Treyburgh.	viij marce.	
Ecclesia de Sampford Brett.	x marce.	

1414. Decanatus de Dunster—*continued.*

Vicaria de Dulverton.	xij marce.
Vicaria de Kyngesbrompton.	xij marce.
Vicaria de Codecombe.	x marce.
Vicaria de Tymbrescombe.	cs.
Vicaria de Mynhede.	xxvj marce.
Vicaria de Carhampton.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Oldclyve.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Stokegummer.	x marce.
Decanatus de Bruggewater.	
Ecclesia de Fydyngton.	viij marce.
Ecclesia de Gotehurst.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Lydyard Episcopi.	x marce.
Vicaria de Canyngton.	viij marce.
Vicaria de Wemedon.	viij marce.
Jurisdiccionis Glastonie.	
Vicaria de Meer.	ix marce.
Vicaria de Shapwyke.	ix marce.
Vicaria de Merlynch.	viij marce.

Fol. 91. 520. Breve regium ad deputandos collectores duarum decimarum.

Henricus etc. venerabili etc. Nicholao etc. vel ejus vicario generali, ipso episcopo in remotis agente, salutem. Cum vos ceterique confratres vestri, vos, prefate episcope, ac alii prelati et clerus Cantuariensis provincie in ultima convocacione prelatorum et cleri hujusmodi in ecclesia cathedrali Sancti Pauli Londoniensi primo die mensis Octobris ultimo preterito incepta et usque vicesimam diem ejusdem mensis de diebus in dies continuata concesseritis et concesserint nobis duas decimas solvendas, videlicet unam decimam ad festum Purificacionis Beate Marie proximum futurum et aliam ad festum Purificacionis Beate Marie extunc ad annum proximum sequentem pro defensione regni nostri ac ecclesie Anglicane de quibuscumque beneficiis ecclesiasticis dicte provincie, exemptis et non exemptis, taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis, aliquibus libertatibus, immunitatibus, sive privilegiis regiis in contrarium concessis non obstantibus (beneficiis pauperum monialium et hospitalariorum, monasterio de Stanley Sarisburiensis diocesis, ac beneficiis in partibus Wallie et

marchie ejusdem et aliis per guerras et mare destructis de quibus 1414.
stetur certificatoriis ordinariorum locorum dumtaxat exceptis), &c. Et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum diligitis nullatenus ommittatis. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xxiv die Novembris anno regni nostri secundo.

521. 1414. Dec. 12. Wells. The aforesaid vicar general received the said writ and, by force and authority of the same, appointed the abbot and convent of Cleeve of the Cistercian order, collectors of both tenths in the diocese, by letters of commission (*which are given*).

The same day at the same place, there went out a certificate (*set out*) to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer of the collectors appointed.

522. The same day, in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Fol. 91*d*.
Mary by the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells, the vicar general received the king's writ, dated at Westminster 1 December, 2 Henry V, not to admit any parson to the church of Blakeford until a cause relating to the advowson of that church now pending in the king's court between the bishop, John Poyns, clerk, and John Bowe and John de Sancto Mauro, whether the same pertains to the first three or to John de Sancto Mauro, shall have been discussed.

523. Constitution against married and bigamous clerks.

Dec. 21. The vicar general received for publication in the diocese, in a letter of Richard, bishop of London, dated in his palace at London, 6 November, 1414, a letter of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in the manor of Croydon, 23 October, 1414, containing a constitution concerning ecclesiastical jurisdiction decreed in the late convocation held at St. Paul's, London, with a mandate to give effect to the same throughout the province and certify the archbishop by Christmas of what he has done in the premises.

Annexed to the above letter was the said provincial constitution, as follows: no layman or clerk, married or bigamous, shall henceforth exercise any spiritual jurisdiction in the province, on pain of the greater excommunication. [*Wilkins*, vol. 3, p. 370.]

The same day at the same place, a mandate went out to the Fol. 92.
president of the chapter of the cathedral church of Wells to

1414. publish the constitution within the jurisdiction of the said church.

Also a like mandate to the abbot of Glastonbury.

Also a mandate to the bishop's commissary general to have the same published in the deaneries of the diocese.

524. HENRY, archbishop of CANTERBURY, to bishop NICHOLAS.

Nuper non sine admiracione didicimus quod collectores subsidii ad sumptus et expensas nunciorum apostolicorum jampridem in Anglia presencium necnon prelatorum provincie nostre Cantuariensis ad concilium generale transituros in convocacione nostra nuper in ecclesia cathedrali Sancti Pauli Londoniense celebrata concessi, nescimus quo intellectu ducti, subsidium predictum de bonis spiritualibus dumtaxat episcopatuum, abbathiarum, prioratuum et aliorum locorum ac beneficiorum dicte nostre provincie, tam majorum quam minorum, et non de temporalibus bonis eorumdem, estimant colligendum, &c. Data sub sigillo nostro ad causas in palacio nostro Cantuariense xviij° die mensis Decembris, 1414, et nostre translacionis anno primo.

Mandate of the vicar general to the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John, Bruggewater, collectors of the said subsidy, to levy the same according to the archbishop's letter, by the feast of St. Hillary next; and if in doing this they cite any for non payment, to certify the names and surnames of the said persons and their benefices on the morrow of the Epiphany at the latest, or sooner, in order that the vicar general may certify the same to the archbishop or his commissaries in the said church of St. Mary le Bow, on pain of contempt. Dated at Wells, under the seal for causes of the bishop of Bath and Wells, 30 December, 1414.

Certificate of the vicar general to Henry archbishop of Canterbury of what he has done herein.

Fol. 93. 525. Undecimo die mensis Decembris, 1414, apud Welliam, dominus J. Roland, vicarius in spiritualibus predictus, dominum Johannem Tudde, presbiterum, ad ecclesiam parochialem de Thorn Coffyn, ipso jure vacantem et pro sic vacante per sentenciam hominis declaratam, pro eo videlicet et ex eo quod

Magister Willelmus Brett, ultimus possessor ejusdem, pacificam 1415.
possessionem ejusdem plusquam per annum a tempore commissi regiminis et ad sacerdocium infra idem tempus racionabili causa cessante promotus non extitit, ad quam memoratus dominus Johannes per Johannem Credy, Margeriam Retherdone, relictum Thome Retherdone nuper defuncti, Johannem White, Durandum Edelcote et Johannem Fordman, veros dicte ecclesie hac vice patronos, extitit presentatus, recepto primitus certificatorio Magistri Johannis Storthwayt super inquisicione de jure patronatus et vacacione predicte ecclesie ac ceteris articulis in tali casu inquiri consuetis, per eum commissarium in hac parte specialiter ac sufficienter deputatum capta, vocato ad eam personaliter publice in hujusmodi inquisicionis negocio prefato Magistro Willelmo, nichil penitus opponente set futura admissione prefati domini Johannis ad predictam ecclesiam, concurrentibus in hac parte requisitis, consenciente tam tacite quam expresse: quod quidem certificatorium tam pro meritis presentancium quam presentati sufficienter fecerat et ad plenum admisit et rectorem instituit canonice in eadem cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis, curam animarum parochianorum dicte ecclesie sibi in Domino committendo. Receptoque ab eodem domino Johanne juramento canonice obediencie traditisque sibi literis institucionis in forma communi, demandabatur archidiacono Wellensi seu ejus officiali ad inducendum ut est moris.

526. Feb. 20, 1414–15. Same place. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for brothers Thomas Yonge, Thomas Cooke, William Pole and John Couttes, subdeacons, canons of Taunton priory to take holy orders of the diaconate and the priesthood.

527. Reverendo etc. Nicholao etc. ipsiusve in remotis agentis vicario in spiritualibus generali vester humilis et devotus filius Johannes Storthwayt, in utroque legi bacallario, rector ecclesie parochialis de Corymalet, commissarius vester ad infrascripta specialiter deputatus, obedienciam cum debitis reverenciam et honore. Literas vestre commissionis nuper recepi sub infrascripto verborum tenore;—Nicholaus etc. Magistro Johanni Storthwayt etc. salutem etc. Quia vacante nuper ecclesia conventuali de Worspryng ordinis Sancti Victoris, per mortem

1415. fratris Thome Banewell, ultimi prioris ejusdem, supprior et conventus ejusdem ecclesie religiosum virum fratrem Petrum Loviare, canonicum de eadem in futurum priorem dicte ecclesie eligerunt nobisque eleccionis ipsius decretum sive processum presentarunt confirmacionem eleccionis predicte a nobis cum instancia postulantes, nos volentes in ipsius eleccionis negocio statuta canonica, prout convenit, observare variisque et arduis universalis militantis ecclesie prepediti negociis quominus ipsius expedicioni ad presens intendere valeamus, ad audiendam, examinandam, et discutiendam, causam sive negocium eleccionis hujusmodi et super eadem eleccione ac ipsius negocio cognoscendum, procedendum, statuendum, et decernendum ipsamque eleccionem, si canonica et de persona idonea rite facta fuerit, confirmandam vel alias infirmandam prout ipsius eleccionis, electi, et eligentium merita vel demerita id exposcunt, necnon administracionem in spiritualibus et temporalibus ipsi electo, ut moris est, committendam, canonicamque obedienciam nobis ab eo debitam accipiendam, ipsumque installari et induci in possessionem corporalem ecclesie conventualis predicte mandandum et faciendum debite, prout decet, ceteraque omnia facienda, exercenda, expedienda et exequenda que in premissis et circa ea necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet oportuna, tibi, de
Fol. 93*d*. cujus fidelitate et circumspeccionis industria plene confidimus, vices nostras committimus cum defectuum in hac parte supplecione si qui appareant ac cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate; proviso quod nos seu nostrum, nobis in remotis agentibus, vicarium generalem de omni eo quod feceritis ac de toto processu per te in hac parte habendo, expedito hujusmodi negocio distincte et aperte certifices per literas tuas patentes harum seriem continentes aliquo sigillo authentico pendente consignatas. Data sub sigillo nostro in domo habitacionis nostre Londoniense xxiiij die mensis Octobris 1414 et nostre translacionis anno septimo. Post hujusmodi literarum reverendarum ac decreti sive processus eleccionis predicte recepcionem fuimus per fratrem Willelmum Banewell, sacristam predicte ecclesie, ac sub-prioris et conventus ejusdem veram et legitimam procuracionem, cum diligenti instancia requisiti quatinus ad ipsarum execucionem juxta juris exigenciam procedere dignaremus, nos igitur literis vestris, reverende pater, in

premissis parere ac indemnitati dicte ecclesie conventualis, ne 1415.
ex diutina vacacione nimium lederetur, prospicere cupientes diem statuimus pro eleccione hujusmodi confirmanda seu alias infirmanda, prout a parte juris censuimus facienda, diem videlicet Jovis, octavum diem mensis Novembris proximo post festum Omnium Sanctorum, anno antedicto, in ecclesia conventuali predicta: ad quos diem et locum vocandos fore decrevimus prefatum fratrem Petrum, electum, ac omnes et singulos tam in specie quam in genere qui se contra prefatum electum ejusve eleccionem aut electores opponere vellent, et nominatim siqui oppositores apparerent siquod haberent contra prefati electi personam ipsiusve eleccionem ac eligentes, propositurí, facturi ulterius et recepturi quod ipsius negocii qualitas exigit et requirit. Quo quidem die Jovis adveniente, coram nobis in ecclesia conventuali predicta pro tribunali sedentibus, frater Petrus electus supradictus comparuit, comparuit eciam procurator pretaxatus eleccionem predictam petens instanter confirmari, lectisque literis commissionis vestre predictis necnon literis certificatoriis discreti viri domini Roberti Leste, ecclesie parochialis de Kywestoke vicarii perpetualis, super vocacione sive proclamacione generali in hac parte requisita per ipsum de mandato vestro, reverende pater, ac receptis insuper decreto sive processu eleccionis predicte ac aliis instruccionibus et testibus ibidem predictis, vocatos predictos preconizari fecimus in valvis predicte ecclesie alta voce et intelligibili, nulloque oppositore sive contradictore comparente vel opponere curante, decretum sive processum tunc ibidem publice legi fecimus supradictum, discussoque postmodum eisdem die et loco ac die Veneris extunc immediate sequente coram nobis ad plenum hujusmodi eleccionis negocio, factisque per nos super ipsius electi expressa professione, sciencia, moribus et etate, ac aliis in hac parte requisitis, plena et diligenti inquisicione et examinacione, servatoque in omnibus et per omnia juris ordine in hac parte requisito, quia invenimus eleccionem predictam canonice et de persona idonea recte et rite factam, ipsam propterea debite vestra auctoritate confirmavimus administracionemque in spiritualibus et temporalibus predicte ecclesie eidem dicta auctoritate commisimus, canonicam obedienciam ab eodem Petro, electo et sic, ut premittitur, confirmato, vestre paternitati ab eodem debitam

1415. recepimus ac per officialem archidiaconi Wellensis vel in ejus absencia per circumspectum virum Magistrum Nigellum Hame, rectorem ecclesie parochialis de Kyngeston, in legibus bacallarium, mandavimus installari; ceteraque peregimus et explicavimus in premissis que circa ea necessaria fuerint aut eciam oportuna. In quorum omnium testimonium hoc presens certificatorium continens processum nostrum per nos et coram nos habitum in hac parte per Magistrum Willelmum Brett, auctoritate apostolica notarium publicum, subscribi, sigilloque quo utimur in officio presidentis vestri consistorii Wellensis ac signo et subscripcione prefati Magistri Willelmi, notarii predicti, fecimus communiri. Et sic mandatum vestrum reverendum cum ea qua decet reverencia sumus diligenter sicut potuimus executi. Data apud Worspryng predictam quoad sigilli apposicionem die Veneris, nono videlicet die mensis Novembris predicti anno domini predicto. Et ego Willelmus Brett, clericus, Sarisburiensis diocesis, publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius, premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic, ut premittitur, agerentur et fierent, sub anno domini predicto, indictione octava, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris ac domini nostri domini Johannis, divina providencia pape XXIII, anno quinto, in predicta conventuali ecclesia dictis diebus Jovis et Veneris mensis predicti, unacum discretis viris Magistris Nigello Hame, rectore predicto, et Thoma Harewell, in legibus bacallariis, dominis Roberto Kene et Roberto Leste, ecclesiarum parochialium de Congesbury et Kywestoke vicariis perpetuis, et multis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis, presens personaliter interfui eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi et audivi, ideo presentes literas per alium fidelem scriptas signo et nomine meis solitis et consuetis manu propria subscribendo unacum appensione predicti sigilli signavi per commissarum predictum in hac parte rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium premissorum.

Fol. 94. 528. Feb. 24. Wells. The vicar general in furtherance of a commission of Richard, bishop of Rochester, dated in his manor of Hullyng, 15 December, 1414, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Kent, rector of the church of Rympton, and John Saundres, rector of the church of Bekenham

of the diocese of Rochester, instituted the latter in the person of 1415.
Sir John Wegge, rector of the parish church of Holton of the diocese of Bath and Wells, his proctor, in the church of Rympton, at the presentation of Henry, bishop of Winchester.

529. Feb. 27. Same place. The vicar general committed to the vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Causey, rector of the parish church of North Perret, and William Caldewell, rector of the parish church of South Perret, of the diocese of Salisbury, and on receipt of a certificate of the said vicar general, Master Geoffrey Crukadan, inceptor of both laws, canon of the cathedral church of Salisbury, that he has instituted Sir William Caldewell in the church of North Perret, at the presentation of Maud Lorty, patron for this turn, the presentee took the oath of obedience and his induction was demanded of the archdeacon of Wells.

530. March 1. Wells. The vicar general instituted Thomas Lee, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Burnett, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Hykmon; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Tukysbury of the order of St. Benedict, of the diocese of Worcester.

531. March 2. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for Richard Hokkeday, subdeacon, of the diocese, to the holy orders of the diaconate and the priesthood.

532. The same day, in the conventual church of St. John the Baptist, in the eighth indiction, the fifth year of the pontificate of pope John XXIII, Thomas Lee, clerk, rector of the church of Burnett, in person, read and put in a written resignation of his church in a paper schedule which he held in his hands, under the following tenour of words;—In Dei nomine, Amen. Fol. 94*d*.
Coram vobis authentica persona et testibus hic presentibus ego Thomas Lee, clericus, rector ecclesie parochialis de Burnett, cupiens et affectans ex certis causis racionabilibus et justis me in hac parte moventibus a cura et regimine ecclesie mee supradicte exui et penitus exonerari, non vi, metu, aut dolo inductus nec aliqualiter circumventus, set ex certa sciencia mea, animo

1415. deliberato, ac mera et spontanea voluntate mea, prefatam ecclesiam meam in sacras et venerabiles manus reverendi etc. Nicholai etc. loci ordinarii, seu alterius cujuscumque ab eodem reverendo patre potestatem habentis resignacionem meam de dicta ecclesia admittendi, resigno libere, sponte, simpliciter, et absolute, ipsamque ecclesiam re et verbo prorsus dimitto cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis et ab eo recedo totaliter in hiis scriptis, nichil juris in ea michi penitus retinendo. There being then present there Master John Storthwayt, the bishop's commissary, bachelor in both laws, and Sir John Rouland, vicar general while the bishop is abroad, for the time being registrar and keeper of the registers, notary public by apostolic authority, and Sir John Wegge, rector of the church of Holton, William Lymnour and William Forster, literates, of the dioceses of Bath and Wells, London and York, witnesses specially called to the premises.

533. March 3. In the place abovesaid. The vicar general instituted Sir Laurence Haynes, priest, in the parish church of Estludford [Estlideford *in the margin*], vacant by the resignation of Sir William Drewe, last rector, at the presentation of William Poulet, William Besyle and William Bemystre, chaplains, patrons for this turn, as will be seen by the certificate upon an inquisition touching the right of patronage etc. taken by the above Master John Storthwayt, commissary specially deputed for this. And he had letters of institution of the style of the register in due form, strengthened with the seal for the bishop's causes left with the vicar general for use in his office.

534. March 6. He instituted John Forde, chaplain, in the person of Richard Gelye, clerk, his proctor, in the parish church of Burnett, vacant [*as above*]; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Teukesbury.

535. March 11. At the place aforesaid he instituted Sir William Hurdeley, priest, in the church of Criket Thomas, vacant by the death of Sir John Hunte, last rector; at the presentation of William, lord of Botreaux, patron for this turn as appears by the certificate of an inquisition taken thereon.

536. March 9. Wells. Sir Thomas Schelford, canon of Wells, the bishop's commissary for this, collated to Sir Simon Gaunstede, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Wyghtlakyngton in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master Richard Drayton, and at his request the vicar general set the seal for the bishop's causes to these presents. And when Sir Simon by William Robroke, clerk, of the diocese, his proctor, had taken the oath of obedience, his induction was demanded of the president of the chapter. 1415. Fol. 95.

The letters to the president.

537. March 7. Wells. The vicar general granted to Giles Dawbeney, esquire, lord of the manor of Baryngton, licence to have masses celebrated, for one year, in a low voice in his chapel or oratory in the manor, in the presence of himself his wife and his domestic servants. Fol. 95*d*.

538. As above. He granted a like licence to Baldwin Malet, lord of the manor of Enemere.

539. As above. He granted letters dimissory for Richard Hokkeday, subdeacon, of the diocese, to the holy orders of the diaconate and the priesthood.

IN EXPEDICIONE SUBSEQUENCIUM MUTATUR DATA DE ANNO DOMINI.

540. March 25, 1415. On receipt of a presentation by the abbot and convent of Muchelney of Sir John Bonde, priest, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Kyngesbury, to the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Somerton, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Tewkysbury alias Deghere, because there was some suspicion, without scandal, however, of simoniacal pravity in this behalf, the vicar general, at the instance of some who were a means to obtain such presentation, took the corporal oath of the presentee written in a paper schedule that he was innocent of any such practice either by himself or any on his behalf, and that if hereafter it be found that there had been such practice, he submits to the severity of the canon in this behalf, and instituted him in the church of Somerton.

1415. 541. April 13. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for Adam Colyns, acolyte, to all holy orders.

542. April 23. He granted like letters for William Bremell, acolyte.

543. April 24. In the cathedral church of Wells. There was delivered to the vicar general by the hands of John de Sancto Mauro, esquire, a writ of the king of admitting for the church of Blakeford, as follows;—Henricus etc. venerabili etc.
Fol. 96. Nicholao etc. vel ejus vicario generali, salutem. Sciatis quod Johannes de Sancto Mauro in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium per consideracionem ejusdem curie nostre recuperavit presentacionem suam versus vos prefate episcope, ac Johannem Poyns, clericum, et Johannem Bowe ad ecclesiam de Blakeford que vacat et ad suam spectat donacionem. Et ideo vobis, vos prefate episcope, mandamus, vel tibi, tu prefate vicarie precipimus quod non obstantibus reclamacionibus vestri, vos prefate episcope, et predictorum Johannis Poyns et Johannis Bowe, ad presentacionem predicti Johannis de Sancto Mauro ad ecclesiam predictam idoneam personam vos, prefate episcope admittatis, vel tu, prefate vicarie, admittas. Teste R. Norton apud Westmonasterium xviij die Aprilis anno regni nostri tercio. Ro. 122. Heuster.

After delivery of which writ the same John de Sancto Mauro prayed him to admit to the said church Sir Roger Yongge, priest, and the vicar general, after opening the certificate of an inquisition taken touching the right of patronage of the said church replied in these words;—Venerabili et magne discrecionis viro, domini Johanni Roland, etc. vester humilis Johannes Storthwayt, clericus, reverendi patris Nicholai etc. commissarius generalis et ad infrascripta per vos specialiter deputatus, obedienciam et reverenciam debitas cum honore. Literas vestras infrascriptas nono die mensis Decembris in hec verba recepi;—Johannes Roland etc. circumspecto viro Magistro Johanni Storthwayt etc., salutem in omnium Salvatore. Presentavit nobis probus vir Johannes Seyntmaur dominum Rogerum Yongge, presbiterum, ad ecclesiam, prout asserit, parochialem de Blakeforde etc. Quocirca vobis committimus et mandamus quatinus vocatis primitus in speciale dicto patrono, sicut dicit, necnon domino

Willelmo Sawyer, presbitero, quem alias ad dictam ecclesiam 1415.
presentavit, ac signanter rectore ecclesie parochialis de Maperton interesse in hac parte, sicut accepimus, se habere pretendente, ac ceteris in hac parte vocandis, de et super vacacione ecclesie etc. quis sit verus patronus aut qui sunt veri patroni ejusdem, quis presentavit seu qui presentarunt ultimo ad eandem, et ad quem seu quos jus et quo jure ad ipsam pertineat presentandi ista vice, an sic litigiosa, pensionaria aut porcionaria, et si sic, cui, quibus, qualiter et in quanto, quantoque taxe vel estimacionis, et an unquam dicta ecclesia de Blakeford dependebat ab ecclesia de Maperton predicta, et si sic quomodo et quando incepit esse divisa, qua auctoritate, et quis tempore divisionis hujusmodi incumbebat ecclesie de Maperton supradicte; de meritis presentati, an sit liber, legitimus, honestus et idoneus, cujusque ordinis et etatis, an sit alibi beneficiatus an aliquid obsit presentanti aut presentato, necnon de ceteris articulis et circumstanciis universis tam presentantis quam presentati personas contingentibus inquiri in talibus consuetis per rectores, vicarios et alios viros fidedignos, premissorum meliorem noticiam obtinentes, decanatus illius in quo dicta ecclesia consistit, coram vobis presentes et juratos in pleno loci capitulo, diligenter et fideliter inquiratis. Et quid per inquisicionem hujusmodi repperitis et feceritis in premissis nos hujusmodi inquisicionis negocio debite expedito certificetis per literas vestras clausas, sigillo officii vestri impresso et pendente et eorum per quos hujusmodi inquisicio capta fuerit sigillis pendentibus, consignatas, ipsorum nomina et cognomina et harum seriem continentes. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas dicti reverendi patris apud nos ut eo utamur dimisso octavo die mensis Decembris, 1414. Quarum literarum auctoritate, de et super omnibus et singulis articulis in dictis literis contentis, vocatis primitus in speciale Johanne de Sancto Mauro, patrono supradicto, et domino Johanne Poyns, rectore ecclesie parochialis de Maperton, pro suo interesse et coram me in capella Beate Marie Virginis juxta claustrum ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis, decimo die mensis Decembris, 1414, in pleno loci capitulo per me tunc ibidem celebrato personaliter comparentibus, ac domino Willelmo Sawyer, alias ad prefatam ecclesiam de Blakeford presentato, extra diocesim absente, apud Bruton, coram notis vicinis et

1415. amicis suis ac in loco ubi morari consuevit citato, preconizato et coram me nullo modo comparente, aliisque omnibus et singulis vocatis in genere, per rectores etc. videlicet per dominos
Fol. 96*d*. Ricardum Pecok de Shepton Malett, Magistrum Nicholaum Steur de Sperkeford, Willelmum Mey de Culmyngton, Robertum Saunders de Yarlyngton, Willelmum Oldmuxyn de Corscomb, Walterum Hulle de Sutton Mountagu, Willelmum Hetche de Kyngton, Thomam Hanly de Charleton Mesgros, ecclesiarium, rectores, Willelmum Pope de Estpennard, et Stephanum Oke de Barton, ecclesiarum vicarios, Edmundum Leversegge, Thomam Ferrour, Thomam Wodemyll de Bruton, Robertum Draper, Walterum Smyth, de eadem, John Saunders de Shepton Malet, Ricardum Riall de Blakeford, et Thomam Walton de Barton, viros fidedignos, ad sancta Dei euangelia in hac parte juratos, inquisicionem feci diligentem pariter et fidelem. Qui dicunt per sacramentum suum quod ecclesia de Blakeford jam vacat et incepit vacare xvj^to^ die mensis Augusti 1414, per liberam resignacionem domini Johannis Wynford, ultimi rectoris ejusdem, in manibus domini episcopi factam et per ipsum admissam. Johannes de Sancto Mauro, armiger, presentans supradictus, est verus patronus ejusdem hac vice et habet jus presentandi ad eandem hac vice eo quod adquisivit sibi dominium de Blakeforde unacum advocacione ecclesie ejusdem sibi et heredibus suis jure perpetuo de domino Ricardo de Sancto Mauro, milite, fratre suo. Prefatus dominus Ricardus, miles, ultimo presentavit ad eandem prefatum dominum Johannem Wynforde, ultimum rectorem, jure successionis hereditarie. Non est litigiosa nisi quatenus Johannes Poyns, rector de Maperton, verbo dumtaxat sine munimentis aut aliquo effectuali coram eisdem exhibito partes suas ingerit in easdem: nec est pensionaria aut porcionaria; nulliusque taxe: estimacionis est decem marcarum. Dicunt insuper quod requisiverunt dominum Johannem Poyns, rectorem de Maperton, pro informacione sua, an habeat aliquid testimonio vel scripto, quod dicta ecclesia dependebat ab ecclesia de Maperton, qui nullam prestitit informacionem effectualem de dependencia aut annexione ejusdem et aliter nescivit dicere quia non liquet de annexione, unione aut divisione ejusdem vel auctoritate quacumque interveniente in hac parte. Dicunt eciam quod in antiquis temporibus et saltem

circiter primam pestilenciam a nulla alia ecclesia dependebat pro 1415.
eo quod Johannes Brice, dominus campi de Bricefeld, testamentum suum legitime condens, legavit in testamento suo unam acram terre arabilis rectori de Blakeford et aliam rectori de Maperton, quod non fuisset factum, ut dicunt, si illa ecclesia fuisset dependens ab ecclesia de Maperton, quas acras iidem rectores tenent adhuc separatim. Dicunt eciam quod rector de Northcadbery a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit solvit singulis annis rectorie ecclesie de Blakeforde iiij bussellos frumenti pro quodam processione per ipsum annuatim facienda circa campum de Brycefeld, infra parochiam de Northcadbury, et quod quidam Johannes Sterketon vir probus et honestus, coram Magistris Waltero Gybbes et Waltero Chiltenham, commissariis domini Willelmi Courtenay, archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, in ejus visitacione metropolitica, juravit in ecclesia de Northcadbury se alias fuisse dicte ecclesie de Blakeforde aquebajulum rectore ibidem personaliter residente in eadem, de cujus unione vel annexione aut auctoritate, non constat aliquo modo. Dicta ecclesia de Blakeford habet omnia signa parochialia, videlicet fontem baptismalem, campanile et campanas in eadem, cimiterium clausum, cum sepultura, et alia signa ecclesie parochiali pertinencia. Dicunt eciam quod est quedam capella infra parcum dominii de Maperton dependens ab ecclesia ibidem pro qua rector ejusdem una cum ecclesia sua solvet decimam domino regi prout in antiqua taxaria continetur. Presentatus ad dictam ecclesiam de Blakeford est liber, legitimus, in ordine sacerdotali constitutus: non est alibi beneficiatus: nichil obest presentanti aut presentato quod sciant. Quamquidem inquisicionem per me fideliter captam unacum nominibus et cognominibus inquisitorum hujusmodi, sigillo officii mei et inquisitorum predictorum sigillis sigillatam vestre reverencie transmitto inclusam. Data Wellie 10 Januarii, anno domini supradicto. Prefatum dominum Rogerum ad ecclesiam parochialem etc. admisit et rectorem instituit canonice in eadem cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis: commissa quoque eidem admisso et instituto cura animarum parochianorum dicte ecclesie, prestitoque ab eodem et recepto juramento canonice obediencie, prefatus Rogerus literas habuit institucionis in forma consueta et pro induccione ejusdem in corporale possessionem dicte

1415. ecclesie demandabatur archidiacono Wellensi seu ejus officiali ut est moris.

Fol. 97. 544. April 27. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir William Love, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Kyngesbury, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Bonde according to the form of the constitution of pope John XXII beginning *Execrabilis*; at the presentation of Master Richard Bruton, chancellor of the cathedral church of Wells; after the presentee had made oath [*as in* nº. 539] in the presence of Master William Lambroke, treasurer of the cathedral church of Wells, John Bonde, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Somerton, Hugh Keen, proctor general of the bishop's consistory of Wells, and many others, and of me John Storthwayt.

545. April 30. Same place. He instituted Sir William More, priest, in the perpetual chantry of the Holy Spirit, Charleton Adam, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Derham.

546. May 2. Wells. The vicar general committed to the vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Richard Godyngdon, rector of the parish church of Warmwell of the diocese of Salisbury, and William Lymyngton, rector of the parish church of South-
Fol. 97*d*. braden; and a certificate of the said vicar general Master Geoffrey Crukadan, inceptor of both laws, canon of Salisbury, was returned that he had accordingly instituted the former in the church of Southbraden, on 7 May, at the presentation of Nicholas Reed, esquire. Sir Richard afterwards took the oath of obedience at Wells on 14 May and had letters for his induction.

547. May 23. 1415. The vicar general received letters of Richard, bishop of London, dated at Fulham manor, 20 April, containing letters of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in his inn at London 9 April, 1415, received by the first named bishop on 16 April, commanding that every Wednesday and Friday processions be made, with litanies, celebrations of the
Fol. 98. mass if possible, or with special collects, for the peace of the

church, for the king and for fine weather; and granting to those taking part in these forty days of indulgence. The archbishop is to be certified by the feast of the Ascension of what has been done in this. 1415.

May 23. Wells. There went out a mandate of the vicar general to the president and chapter of Wells to give effect to the archbishop's mandate in the cathedral church of Wells and the churches of its jurisdiction.

A mandate to the like effect went out to the abbot of Glastonbury.

And one to the bishop's commissary general, to have the archbishop's mandate published and executed in the deaneries of the diocese.

548. May 23. The vicar general received for execution in the diocese letters of Richard bishop of London, dated at Fulham manor, 24 April, containing letters of the said archbishop, received by him on 23 April, as follows:—

Henricus etc. Ricardo etc. salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Ex relatu nobis innotuit fidedignorum nostre Cantuariensis provincie plurimorum quod licet in concilio generali provide sit statutum ne elemosinarum questores in locis quibuslibet nisi apostolicas vel diocesani episcopi literas veras exhibeant ad colligendas seu recipiendas elimosinas hujusmodi admittantur nonnulli tamen elimosinarum hujusmodi questores per nostram provinciam se girantes et presertim nonnulli per episcopum Pensauriensem nuper in regno Anglie sedis apostolice nuncium, ad publicandam quandam indulgenciam papalem deputati, potestatis sibi in hac parte attribute formam excedentes, ac alia quam que in literis apostolicis indulgencialibus eidem episcopo et sedis apostolice nuncio ad publicanda et Christi fidelibus intimanda commissis predicantes, suis perversis suasionibus nunc dampnatis et reprobatis abusionibus simplicium animos decipiunt et aurum subtili, quin pocius fallaci, ingenio extorqueant ab eisdem, literasque certi tenoris ipsorum potestati penitus contrarias et Christi fidelium ac gregis nobis commissi animabus deceptivas tradunt, deliberant et concedunt, pecuniasque sic receptas in usus proprios et prophanos absque auctoritate sedis apostolice seu eorum quorum interest convertunt nequiter et Fol. 98*d*.

1415. consumunt, in animarum suarum et aliorum quos sic decipiunt periculum valde grave ac scandalum plurimorum. Nos igitur quantum nobis possibile est abusionibus predictis viam precludere cupientes, statuta canonica in hac parte racionabiliter edita secuti, auctoritate nostra metropolitica districte duximus prohibendum, et per vos singulis confratribus et coepiscopis, suffraganeis nostris, auctoritate nostra predicta per literas vestras patentes harum seriem habentes sic volumus et mandamus, cum omni celeritate possibili prohiberi ne in ipsorum civitatibus aut diocesibus questores aliqui decetero admittantur nisi apostolicas, nostras, vel loci diocesani literas veras absque fraude patentes exhibeant per quas eis et populo sibi commisso de vera concessione indulgenciarum hujusmodi constare poterit, et tunc nichil aliud insinuare, predicare seu exponere sinantur quam quod in literis contineatur sic concessis; quodque quoscumque questores hujusmodi quos in premissis vel ipsorum aliquo reos, culpabiles seu infamia respersos invenerunt acriter puniri faciant secundum quod in hac parte canonice dictaverunt sancciones: et nichilominus populo sibi commisso fraudem eorum siquam reppererint faciant intimari ut sic diligencius a consimilibus caveant in futurum et quatenus decepti fuerint Deo et ecclesie secundum juris exigenciam reconciliare se valeant, ut tenentur, sequestrantes eciam et sequestrari facientes quascumque pecuniarum summas in suis civitatibus et diocesibus per questores hujusmodi collectas ac in cistis seu truncis infra easdem ubicumque repositas easque quatenus constare poterit de eisdem sub salva custodia servantes et per alios servari facientes donec a nobis aliud habuerint in mandatis: vosque, frater carissime, omnia et singula superius memorata quatenus vestras civitatem et diocesim concernunt faciatis eciam cum celeritate possibili execucioni debite demandari. Et quomodo premissa executi fueritis et executi fuerint confratres nostri supradicti citra festum Ascensionis Domini proximo futurum per vos et eos nos certificari authentice et in forma debita precipimus et mandamus. Data in hospicio nostro Londoniensi sub sigillo nostro ad causas xij die mensis Aprilis, 1415, et nostre translacionis anno primo.

May 26. A mandate of the vicar general went out to Master John Storthwayt, bachelor of both laws, president of the bishop's consistory and commissary general of the bishop, to publish the

foregoing in a public consistory and make due execution 1415.
thereof throughout the diocese.

549. May 31. The vicar general granted letters dimissory Fol. 99.
for John Dey, acolyte, of the diocese, to the order of the subdiaconate.

550. Letter of the vicar general to the king's majesty for the taking of the body of William Power, otherwise Schephurd, of the parish of Canyngton, qui propter suam contumaciam pariter et offensam coram presidente consistorii dicti reverendi patris ad instantiam Walteri Tylly, custodis bonorum ecclesie parochialis de Canyngton predicta contractus fuit et est majoris excommunicacionis sentencia auctoritate nostra ordinaria canonice innodatus et pro excommunicato publice denunciatus, in qua quidem excommunicacionis sentencia per quadraginta dies et amplius perseveravit et adhuc perseverat animo pertinaciter indurato, claves ecclesie nequiter contempnendo in anime sue periculum et perniciosum exemplum plurimorum. Cum igitur sancta mater ecclesia non habeat ulterius quid faciat in hac parte majestati regie vice et nomine reverendi patris predicti atque nostro humiliter supplicamus quatinus pro dicti excommunicati capcione scribere dignemini secundum regni vestri Anglie consuetudinem hactenus usitatam, ut quem Dei timor a malo non revocat secularis brachii disciplina coherceat a peccato. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas dicti reverendi patris etc. vij° die Junii, 1415.

551. June 14. Same place. The vicar general, in furtherance of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, dated at Clyst manor, 6 June, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Mogrygg, rector of the parish church of Hethfyld Durborgh, and William Dene, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Thorverton of the diocese of Exeter, instituted the last named in the church of Hethfyld, at the presentation of brother Walter Grendon, prior of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

552. The same day, at the same place, the vicar general received the king's letters patent for the array of the clergy

1415. of the diocese in these words ;—Henricus etc. custodi spiritualitatis episcopatus etc. salutem. Quia, ut vobis satis constat, sumus cum Dei adjutorio versus partes exteras pro recuperacione et adepcione hereditatum et jurium corone nostre a diu, ut cunctis liquet, injuriose detentorum, in proximo profecturi, et volentes proinde pro salva et secura custodia et defensione regni nostri et ecclesie Anglicane matris nostre et fidei catholice, ad quam defendendam cuncti tenentur Christiani, sacro attestante eloquio, eciam usque ad mortem, si necesse fuerit, decertare, contra proterviam et maliciam hostium et inimicorum regni, ecclesie et fidei predictorum, si illa, nobis in remotis agentibus, invadere et perturbare presumpserit (quod absit) et infestare, prout votis astringimur precipuis, providere, assignavimus vos ad clerum Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, tam religiosos quam seculares, exemptos et non exemptos, idoneos et defensibiles, tam infra libertates quam extra cum omni celeritate possibili uniendum et congregandum, ipsumque clerum bene et competenter arraiandum et muniendum, ac arraiari et muniri juxta status et facultates
Fol. 99*d*. suas, nemini in hac parte parcendo, faciendum et compellendum ; ac in arraiacione hujusmodi ponendum et conservandum ita quod prompti sint et parati ad resistendum malicie, protervie et infestacioni inimicorum predictorum quociens et quando necesse fuerit et opportunum, sic quod in eorum defectum seu vestri negligenciam vel tepeditatem dampnum non eveniat ullo modo : necnon ad nos de arraiacione et municione ac numero personarum cleri predicti sic arraiandarum citra sextum decimum diem Julii proximo futurum in cancellaria nostra sub sigillo vestro distincte et aperte certificandum. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa premissa diligenter intendatis et ea faciatis et exequamini in forma supradicta. Damus autem universis et singulis cleri predicti ac aliis legiis nostris quos vobis assistere volumus in hac parte tenore presencium, sub forisfactura omnium que nobis forisfacere poterunt, firmiter in mandatis quod vobis in execucione premissorum de tempore in tempus intendentes sint, consulentes et auxiliantes prout necessitatis eventus exigit et requirit. In cujus etc. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xxviii die Maii anno regni nostri tercio. Gaunstede. Quinto decimo die mensis et anni domini predictorum propter execucionem literarum regiarum patentium supradictarum emanavit mandatum prefati

vicarii in spiritualibus generalis presidenti capituli ecclesie 1415.
cathedralis Wellensis et capitulo pro arraiacione et municione cleri ecclesie cathedralis predicte et civitatis Wellensis tenorem continens infrascriptum. Johannes Roland etc. presidenti capituli ejusdem ecclesie, decano absente, et capitulo, salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Literas serenissimi in Christo patris ac domini nostri domini Henrici etc. nos nuper recepisse noveritis (ut supra), &c. Nomina eciam et cognomina tam eorum quos sic arraiari feceritis et vobis parere repperitis, necnon et ceterorum quorumcumque qui vobis in premissis parere et intendere recusaverint, nemini in hac parte parcendo, citra festum Translacionis Sancti Thome Martyris proximo jam futurum, ita quod regem in cancellaria sua de et super premissis sicuti demandatur, et presertim de nominibus eorum qui parere et intendere recusaverint in hac parte, ut tales in specie notati cognoscantur et pro demeritis puniantur, certificare valeamus citra xvj^{m} diem Julii supradictum, in premissis taliter vos habentes quatinus de vestre diligencie, obediencie et fidelitatis merito vos apud eundem dominum nostrum regem commendandi materiam habeamus, scituri veraciter quod si in premissis negligentes fueritis quomodolibet aut remissi (quod absit) vos contemptorem sui mandati et dignum forisfacture prout suprascribitur apud eum denunciare intendimus indubie et volumus ut oportet signanter, cum negocium predictum coronam regiam fidelitatemque vestram et ligeanciam patenter tangere videatur. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas dicti reverendi patris apud nos ut eo utamur dimisso, xv^{o} die mensis Junii, 1415.

A like mandate went out under the same date to the abbot of Glastonbury to assemble, array and arm the clergy of his jurisdiction.

Also to the prior of Bath for the clergy of the deaneries of Fol. 100.
Bath and Frome.

Also to the abbot of Keynesham and the sub-prior of the house there for the clergy of the deanery of Redeclyf.

Also to the prior of Bruton, for the clergy of the deaneries of Cary and Mersshton.

Also to the prior of Taunton, for the clergy of the deanery of Tanton.

1415. Also to the abbot of Clyve and the prior of Dunsterr, for the clergy of the deanery of Dunsterr.

Also to the abbot of Athelney, for the clergy of the deaneries of Bruggewatre and Powlet.

Also to Master John Storthwayt, bachelor in both laws, president of the bishop's consistory of Wells and the bishop's commissary general, for the clergy of the deaneries of Ilchester and Crokern, and of Axbrugg.

553. June 19. Same place. The vicar general instituted Richard Tewe, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Standerwyk, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Tumbrell; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Cirencestre of the diocese of Worcester of the order of St. Augustine.

554. June 27. He instituted Thomas Trybon, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Spekyngton, vacant by the death of Sir Robert Mounde; at the presentation of Robert, lord of Ponyngges, patron for this turn by hereditary right, as has been found by a certificate upon an inquisition touching the right of patronage and other articles usually enquired of, taken by Master John Storthwayt, bachelor in both laws, commissary specially deputed in this case.

B. 555. Certificate of the array of the clergy.

Invictissimo principi et serenissimo domino nostro domino Henrico etc. Johannes Roland etc. cum sui recommendacione felicitatis ubertatem in eo per quem reges regnant et principes gloriose triumphant. Vestre magestatis regie literas plurimum venerabiles cum reverencia qua decuit nuper recepimus in hec verba Henricus etc. ut supra. Quarum auctoritate literarum clerum Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, tam religiosos quam seculares, exemptos et non exemptos, idoneos et defensabiles, tam infra libertates quam extra, uniri et congregari, ipsumque clerum bene et competenter, juxta status et facultates suas, nemini in hac parte parcendo, secundum dictarum vestrarum literarum exigenciam, arraiari et muniri fecimus, vestris obsequiis extra prefatam diocesim de vestro mandato insistentes. Clerum itaque predictum in arraiacione hujusmodi poni fecimus et prout ex Alto nobis concessum fuerit pro viribus conservabimus

in eadem: ita quod prompti erunt pariter et parati ad resist- 1415.
endum malicie, protervie et infestacioni inimicorum predictorum quociens et quando necesse fuerit et opportunum, sic quod in eorum defectum seu nostri negligenciam vel desidiam in premissis nichil per Dei graciam imputabitur in futurum, ymo damno siquod (quod absit) in premissis evenire contigerit, prout Deus dederit, occurretur. Quantum autem ad arraiacionem et municionem ac numerum personarum cleri predicti sic, ut premittitur, arraiati, regie magestati, si placeat, harum tenore lucescat quod de clero predicto sunt competenter armati sexaginta, sagittarii octingenti triginta, et mixti seu neutri, vulgariter dicti hoblarii, decem, prout sic fecimus numerari. Et Fol. 100*d*.
sic literas vestre celsitudinis sumus cum effectu humiliter executi earumdemque continencie in eventu parebimus juxta vires per graciam Salvatoris, qui regiam magestatem ubique prosperari concedat et eam continuo dirigat et feliciter tueatur. Data sub sigillo ad causas etc. Wellie quoad sigilli appensionem, viij^vo^ die mensis Julii, anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ quinto decimo.

556. Resignacio vicarie de Southstoke. A.

Quinto die dicti mensis Julii anno domini supradicto indiccione octava, pontificatus Johannis pape XXIII anno septimo, constitutus personaliter dominus Johannes Netylton, alias Knoyll, perpetuus, prout asseruit, vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Southestoke, apud registrarium in domo Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Wellie, quandam resignacionem vicarie sue predicte, juxta constitucionem bone memorie Johannis pape XXII que incipit *Execrabilis* in hac parte editam, in quadam pergameni cedula quam tunc ibidem in manibus suis corporaliter tenuit in scriptis redactam, fecit, legit ac interposuit sub hac forma verborum;—In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, authentica persona, et testibus hic presentibus, ego, Johannes Netylton, alias Knoyll, vicarius perpetuus ecclesie parochialis de Southestoke, ecclesiam parochialem Sancte Marie infra portam borealem civitatis Bathonie, cum vicaria perpetua ecclesie de Southestoke de jure incompatibilem, noviter assecutus, protestor in hiis scriptis et juro ad hec sancta Dei euangelia per me corporaliter tacta, quod non est intentionis mee dictas ecclesiam

1415. et vicariam adinvicem quovis modo retinere seu fructus aliquos de utraque earumdem percipere vel habere contra canonicas sancciones. Ea propter ego, Johannes predictus, sciens et cognoscens me fuisse et esse dictam parochialem ecclesiam Beate Marie canonice assecutum et possessionem pacificam ejusdem cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis actualiter obtinentem in presenti ac sperans firmiter me possessione hujusmodi imposterum pacifice posse ex debere gaudere et infra mensem a tempore quo possessionem predicte ecclesie Beate Marie primo adeptus fueram existens, dictam vicariam de Southestoke cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis pretextu possessionis ecclesie Beate Marie predicte per me sicut veraciter credo pacifice adepte in sacras et venerabiles manus reverendi in Christo patris ac domini nostri Nicholai, Dei gracia Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi, loci diocesani, seu alterius cujuscumque ab eo potestatem sufficientem presentem resignacionem meam admittendi habentis, dimitto et resigno, re et verbo, actualiter, in hiis scriptis, juxta canonicas sancciones, presentibus tunc ibidem discretis viris domino Thoma Standich, alias Gurdill, vicario perpetuo ecclesie parochialis de Bathewyk, et Willelmo Forster, clerico, Bathoniensis et Wellensis ac Eboracensis diocesium testibus, rogatis specialiter ad premissa, et me Johanne Storthwayt.

557. July 10. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Hert, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Southestoke, vacant as above; at the presentation of the prior and convent of the cathedral church of Bath.

558. As above. He granted letters dimissory for John Bole of the diocese, acolyte, to all holy orders to which he can be ordained.

Fol. 101. 559. July 13. Same place. He committed to the vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Saly, chaplain of the chantry of St. John the Baptist, South Pethirton, and William Richeman, rector of the parish church of Wolhampton of the diocese of Salisbury; and subsequently on return of a certificate of the latter vicar general that on 15 July he had accordingly

instituted the said Sir William in the chantry at the presentation 1415.
of Joan, queen of England &c. patroness for this turn in right of her wardship of Giles, son and heir of Giles Daubeny, knight. The presentee took the oath of obedience at Wells and his induction was demanded on 17 July.

560. July 23. Montacute. The vicar general, in furtherance B.
of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Robert Mareschall, rector of the parish church of Greynton, and William Purs, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Codecombe, instituted the first named in the vicarage of Codecombe, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton, and Sir William in the church of Greynton, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

561. As above. He granted to Richard, bishop of Inniscattery (*Katen*), authority and licence to reconcile the burial ground of the chapel of Langeport, a dependent of the parish church of Huyssh there, polluted by the shedding of blood.

562. July 20. Wells. A writ of the king was handed to A.
the vicar general as follows ;—Henricus etc. Nicholao etc. Sciatis quod Willelmus Bonevill, armiger, in curia nostra coram Roberto Hulle, uno justiciariorum nostrorum de communi banco, per breve nostrum de Nisi Prius apud Crukern die Jovis proximo ante festum Sancte Margarete Virginis, recuperavit presentacionem suam ad ecclesiam Beate Marie de Bokelond vestre diocesis, versus Edwardum, ducem Eboracensem, et Johannem Bosham, clericum, per defaltam ipsorum ducis et Johannis ; et ideo vobis mandamus quod, non obstante reclamacione predictorum ducis et Johannis, ad ecclesiam predictorum idoneam personam ad presentacionem predicti Willelmi admittatis. Teste R. Hulle, apud Crukern, xviij die Julii, anno regni nostri tercio.

By force of which writ he on 23 July at Montacute instituted John Tayllour, priest, in the said church at the presentation of the said William.

563. July 23. Montacute. The vicar general granted Fol. 101*d*.
licence until SS. Simon and Jude for Sir John Throdre, rector

1415. of the parish church of Seveburgh, to celebrate masses and cause such to be celebrated, as well in a loud as in a low voice, in a chapel newly built in the church of his parish in honour of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin and of the Blessed Anne, in the presence of John Goold and his wife and the parishioners there.

564. July 24. Taunton. The vicar general received a certificate of Master Geoffrey Crukadan, vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, dated at Salisbury, 11 May, that in pursuance of his commission to him of 10 May for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Bugworth, rector of the parish church of Littleton of the diocese of Salisbury, and Thomas Sherde, rector of the parish church of St. John, Ivelchestre, the said vicar general has instituted Sir Thomas in the church of St. John, Ivelchestre, at the presentation of the king; and on 24 July, at Taunton, the presentee took the oath of obedience and had letters for his induction.

565. July 29. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Hugh Compton, priest, as rector of the church of Portshed, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Hayward; at the presentation of Thomas Berklee, lord of Berklee, patron for this turn.

566. July 31. Same place. He instituted Sir Henry Grenfion, priest, as rector of the parish church of Samford Britt, at the presentation of Richard Courtenay, bishop of Norwich, patron for this turn in right of the lordship of Samford aforesaid pertaining to him by hereditary right.

567. Aug. 3. Same place. The vicar general received letters of Richard, bishop of London, dated at Fulham manor, 23 June, 1415, containing the tenour of letters of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in Maidstone manor, 7 June, as follows;—Terribilis in concilio super filios hominum Dominus cujus judicia incomprehensibilia et investigabiles vie Ejus dum inter nos et ipsum peccata nostra dividuntur ad iram quandoque provocatus bella, lites, scismata et varia persecucionum genera, in genus humanum pluries incidere permittuntur, quibus nonnunquam ab electis suis iniquitatum machinas temporali studet afflicione detergere quas in eis imperpetuum minime vult

videre. Hec autem jam totum fere per orbem plebs Christi 1415.
calamitose deflere compellitur et presertim dum Petri navicula Fol. 102.
tempestate malorum et persecutionem hujusmodi ingruentium imminenti periculoso naufragio extra spem quietis a diu seposita conturbatur, pro cujus tranquillitate et pace ad ipsius sponsam et pastorem humiliter exorando, qui quos diligit arguit et castigat, qui eciam vulnerat et medetur, tanto promptius assurgere debemus quanto per oraciones fidelium (Scriptura testante) cognovimus quod ad se revertentium preces misericordiam in ira non continet, sed cum juste iratus fuerit misericordie recordatur. Hinc est, frater carissimus, quod fraternitati vestre pro processionibus singulis quartis et sextis feriis pro unitate ecclesie, prosperitate regis et regni, aerisque serenitate ubique per nostram provinciam fiendis nostras literas certi tenoris nuper meminimus transmisisse; verumque dignum et omni humanitate congruum est ut pro eo qui ad redintegracionem ecclesie, pacemque et tranquillitatem ejusdem, propriis omissis negociis viribus cunctis et totis conatibus elaborat speciales ad Dominum preces a Christifidelibus effundantur. Nos igitur facta et gesta Christianissimi principis Sigismundi, Romanorum regis, in sacro Constanciensi generali concilio moderno pro pace et unitate ecclesie universalis habita et toti Christianissimo divulgata nostris precordiis imprimentes, considerantes quod idem princeps serenissimus ad honorem Dei et dicte sancte matris ecclesie stabilitatem et unionem perfectam in civitate Constanciense predicta et partibus adjacentibus cum innumera multitudine gentium tanto principatui condigna et decenti resedat et non sine gravibus et secundum estimacionem humanam importabilibus sumptibus et expensis ibidem jam tempore diutino personaliter expectavit, expectat et residet in presenti, qui eciam velut miles victoriosissimus natale solum deserens et sancte matris ecclesie rempublicam rebus, causis seu negociis quibuslibet anteponens, eo non obstante quod terras proprias in sua absentia paganorum ac crucis Christi inimicorum insultibus, non absque quorumdam qui Christiana religione censentur, ut verisimiliter conjecturatur, operacione et conniventia scit invadi, suscepti tamen tam salubris onus propositi non deserit sed indies ad finem optatum perducere sine defectione laborat. Ipsum regem et principem tam inclitum

1415. vestris ac aliorum nostre provincie fidelium et Deo devotorum precibus in tam sancto ac tam salubri proposito adjuvari propensius affectamus, vestre paternitati eciam ad metuendissimi principis et domini nostri regis exhortacionem tenore presencium mandantes quatinus singulis coepiscopis et confratribus, suffraganeis nostris, per literas vestras cum omni celeritate possibili cum tenore presencium intimetis quod in processionibus etc. prefatum principem et regem Romanorum suis et populi sibi subjecti precibus specialiter aggregari, a processionibus etc. non cessantes donec negocium pacis et unitatis ecclesie jam speratum finem cunctis Christicolis optabilem, annuente Altissimo, valeat adipisci. Vosque frater carissime predicta omnia et singula in vestris civitate et diocese faciatis execucioni debite absque more dispendio demandari.

To stir up the minds of the faithful to pray more devoutly for the premises, the archbishop grants forty days of indulgence to all Christians participating in this.

Aug. 4. Same place. Mandate of the vicar general to the
Fol. 102*d*. president and chapter of Wells to give effect to the archbishop's mandate in the church and city of Wells.

As above. The like to Master John Storthwayt, president of the bishop's consistory and commissary general, to give effect to the same throughout the diocese.

568. Aug. 13. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir William Benett, priest, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Evercriche, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Banewell; at the presentation of the prior or master and the brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells.

569. A brief for the fabric of the cathedral church of Wells.

Johannes Roland etc. universis et singulis archidiaconis et eorum officialibus, decanis, rectoribus, vicariis et capellanis parochialibus et ceteris ecclesiarum ministris infra Bathoniensem et Wellensem diocesim per quamcumque jurisdiccionem ubilibet constitutis, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Devocionem vestram ardenter hortamur in visceribus Jesu Christi, eidemque firmiter reverendi patris Nicholai episcopi auctoritate atque nostra injungendo mandamus, quatinus cum Robertus Baker, procurator sive nuncius specialis ad subsidium operis sive

fabrice ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis predicte, matris nostre, 1415.
tam a fratribus fraternitatis beatissimi ac apostolorum mitissimi Sancti Andree Apostoli, necnon ceterorum Christifidelium ad dictam fabricam contribuere volentium fideliter levandum legitime constitutus, de cujus procuratorio sufficienter informamur, harum ac rotulorum fraternitatis predicte lator, aut substitutus ab eodem Roberto vere et legitime per mandatum authentice sigillatum, eciam secum deferens literas has presentes, ad vos, ecclesias aut loca vestra pro negociis ecclesie et fabrice predictarum fidelium elemosinas petiturus accesserit, ipsum Robertum, substitutumque, ut premittitur, ab eodem, sine contradiccione aut difficultate quacumque, benigne, favorabiliterque admittatis, populoque Domini vobis commisso dictorum rotulorum negocia, privilegia pariter et indulgencias benefactoribus jam dicte fabrice et fraternitatis memorate a sanctis patribus concessa exponere permittatis libere in vulgari, ac vos hec ipsa, omnibus ficcione et livore in hac parte propulsis in ecclesiis et locis vestris exponatis debite requisiti non obstante inhibicione aliqua vobis nuper facta auctoritate reverendissimi patris Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, metropolitani nostri, de questoribus minime admittendis. Volumus insuper et hortamur in Domino universitatem vestram quatinus Christicolarum animos ad subsidii promocionem ac elemosinarum largicionem ecclesie et fabrice predictarum viis et modis quibus melius noveritis et quantum in vobis est efficaciter inducatis: collectas quoque elemosinas, ut premittitur, per dictum Robertum aut substitutum ab eodem percipere, abducere et habere absque Fol. 103.
diminucione vel impedimento aliquali permittatis, et sic fieri ab aliis faciatis sub pena excommunicacionis majoris quam contravenientes in hac parte, nisi destiterint, canonica monicione premissa contra se ferri et canonice promulgari poterunt merito formidare; quodque, si verbum Dei per vos aut alios diebus Dominicis et festis in ecclesiis vestris clero et populo intra missarum solennia proponi contigerit, volumus quod postea predicta Robertus aut substitutus ab eodem ad premissorum expedicionem admittatur favorabiliter, ut superius est expressum, et quod dictus nuncius aut substitutus ab eodem nichil aliud alicubi insinuare, predicare aut exponere presumat quam quod in literis, privilegiis et indulgenciis sit concessis. In cujus rei

1415. testimonium sigillum ad causas dicti reverendi patris, B. et W. episcopi, apud nos ut eo utamur dimissum, presentibus apposuimus. Date Wellie, xvij° die Augusti, anno domini millesimo cccc^mo quintodecimo.

570. Aug. 19. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir William Gerveys, chaplain, as rector of the parish church of Templecombe, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Couper; at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shaftesbury of the diocese of Salisbury.

571. As above. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for William Asshley, John Cole, Richard Feryby, Richard Whitwode and Thomas Forde, deacons, of the diocese, to the holy order of the priesthood; for Thomas Amery, acolyte, of the said diocese, to the order of the sub-diaconate; and for John Chydlye and John Peryn, sub-deacons, of the same diocese, to the order of the diaconate, from any catholic bishop titled within the realm of England.

572. Sept. 1. Same place. He granted like letters for Richard Marshall, deacon, to the order of the priesthood; for William Borde and Nicholas Poye, having the first tonsure, canons of the monastery of Keynesham, to the orders of the acolyteship and sub-diaconate, and for Gregory Fryze and Richard Whytehill, canons of the priory of Bruton, of the said diocese, deacons, to the order of the priesthood.

573. Sept. 15. The vicar general received at Wells a writ of the king to bishop Nicholas, witnessed by John, duke of Bedford, guardian of England, at Westminster, August 12, 3 Henry V, of summons to a parliament at Westminster on Monday after the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist. Payngton.

[*Summons to Parliament*, *Dugdale*, p. 395.]

Mandate to the dean and chapter of Wells to attend the
Fol. 103*d*. same, the dean, in person, and the chapter by a proctor. Dated at Wells 18 September 1415.

The like to the prior and chapter of Bath.

574. Oct. 3. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Thomas Palmer, priest, as rector of the parish church of

Brocton [Bratton ?], vacant by the resignation of Richard Gyld- 1415.
hede ; at the presentation of Nicholas Lynd, patron for this turn.

575. Oct. 6. Same place. He instituted Sir Richard Croulesmer, priest, in the person of Master Thomas Nafferton, his proctor, in the parish church of Crocombe, vacant by the death of Master Thomas Myrihull ; at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Stodeley of the diocese of Lincoln.

576. Oct. 12. Same place. He granted letters dimissory for John Godegrome, Robert Auell and Roger Dygon, having the first tonsure, to all orders, minor as well as holy, from any catholic bishop titled in England.

577. Oct. 15. Same place. He received a writ, witnessed by John duke of Bedford, guardian of England, at Westminster, 29 September, 3 Henry V, notifying the bishop that the parliament summoned at Westminster on Monday after the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist is prorogued until Monday after All Saints. Walsham.

[*Summons to Parliament*, p. 396.]

The same day and place, he gave directions accordingly to the prior and chapter of Bath, and the dean and chapter of Wells, as well as to the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese.

578. As above. He granted licence for Elizabeth relict of Fol. 104.
Edward Stradelyng to have masses and other divine offices celebrated in a low voice in her chapel or oratory in her dwelling-place of Halsway in the presence of herself and her household ; without prejudice to the parish church.

579. RICHARD, bishop of LONDON, to the VICAR GENERAL.

Oct. 1. Hadham manor. Transmits a mandate of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in Saltwode castle, 15 Sept. 1415, and received by him on 27 September, to summon the convocation of the province to meet at St. Paul's, London, on 18 November and following days ; commanding each bishop to certify the archbishop on that day at the said place of what he has done in the premises and the names of those cited.

Execution of the foregoing. Fol. 104*d*.

The vicar general communicated the foregoing to the

1415. president of the chapter, in the absence of the dean, commanding him to summon the dean, in his stall in the church of Wells or by letters patent having the series of these affixed to the church doors, and chapter to attend, the dean in person and the chapter by a proctor; certifying the vicar general by November 4 of the receipt of these presents and the manner and form of the execution of the same, to wit in what manner he has cited the the dean and of the name and surname of the proctor. Dated at Wells, under the seal for the bishop's causes, October 16, 1415.

The like mandate went out for the warning of the prior and chapter of Bath.

Another mandate also went out to the commissary general to cite the archdeacons, abbots and priors, and the clergy of the diocese.

Oct. 17. 1415. Wells. Certificate of the vicar general to the archbishop of Canterbury, that the mandate has been executed and that the names of those cited are contained in a schedule annexed.

John, prior of Bath. The chapter of the same.
Master Walter Metford, dean of Wells.
The chapter of the same.
John, abbot of Glastonbury.
John, abbot of Muchelnye.
Leonard, abbot of Cleeve.
John, abbot of Athelnye.
Thomas, abbot of Keynesham.
John, prior of Bruton.
Thomas, prior of Taunton.
Sir John Iklyngton, archdeacon of Wells.
Master Roger Harewell.
The clergy of the diocese.

Fol. 105. 580. Oct. 18. Wells. The vicar general committed to Master Geoffrey Crukadan etc. vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Moore, perpetual chaplain of the chantry of the Holy Cross in the manor of Cherlton Adam, and John Lodewell, rector of the parish church of Swyre of the diocese of Salisbury;

and on receipt of his certificate that on 20 October, at Salisbury, 1415.
he had instituted Sir John in the chantry, at the presentation of John Chichely, patron for this turn, the vicar general received Sir John's oath of obedience.

581. Nov. 12. 1415. The vicar general by authority of a writ of the king, received by him at Wells on 12 December 1414, inserted above in the Register where is recorded the matters set forward on that date, deputed the prior and convent of Montacute of the Cluniac order to be collectors of one of the two tenths granted to the king in the convocation held at St. Paul's from 1 to 20 October, 1414, to wit the one of later term which ought to be paid at the Exchequer on the Purification 1415–16.

As above. A certificate went out to the treasurer and barons of the appointment.

582. As above. The vicar general granted to John Somerhay, having the first tonsure, letters dimissory to all orders.

583. Dec. 10. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir John Froode, priest, as rector of the parish church of Langerugge, vacant by the resignation of Sir William Baker; at the presentation of Robert Walsche, patron for this turn.

584. Dec. 17. Same place. He instituted Sir William Chyriton, chaplain, as rector of the parish church of Bathialton vacant by the death of Sir John Loueney; at the presentation of Elizabeth, lady of Powlet, and William Powlet of Melcombe, patrons for this turn as appears by a certificate upon an inquisition taken by Master John Storthwayt, commissary general, touching the right of patronage etc.

585. Commissio ad recipiendos clericos convictos.

Johannes Roland etc. decano decanatus de Ivelcestre ac domino Roberto Toth, rectori ecclesie parochialis Beate Marie Fol. 105*d*.
Majoris de Ivelcestre, et Ricardo Bakewell, rectori ecclesie parochialis de Cherlton Makerell, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Ad calumpniandos, petendos, exequendos et recipiendos, vice et auctoritate reverendi patris Nicholai etc. atque nostris secundum

1416 ecclesiasticas libertates coram quibuscumque justiciariis regis seu ballivis quibuscumque ad liberacionem incarceratorum vel incarcerandorum ubicumque in dicti reverendi patris civitatibus ac diocesi deputatis seu eciam deputandis quoscumque clericos super quibuscumque criminibus irretitos et eosdem ad carcerem ejusdem reverendi patris ducendos vel duci faciendos; vobis de quorum circumspeccione fiduciam gerimus pleniorem, conjunctim et divisim, committimus vices nostras, vosque nostros procuratores et attornatus in premissis tenore presencium deputamus; custodibus carceris dicti reverendi patris mandantes quod personas hujusmodi, quas eis presentaveritis seu aliquis vestrum presentaverit, admittant et custodiant sicut decet. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas dicti reverendi patris apud nos ut eo utamur dimisso, decimo die mensis Januarii, 1415–16.

586. Jan. 13. 1415–16. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir Thomas Standiche *alias* Gurdell, priest, as rector of the parish church of Langerugge, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Froode; at the presentation of Robert Walsche, patron for this turn.

587. Jan. 25. Same place. He instituted Sir William Drayton, chaplain, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Dunsterr, vacant by the death of Sir Roger Holeford; at the presentation of the prior and chapter or convent of Bath.

588. Jan. 29. Same place. He instituted Sir Richard Broun, priest, as rector of the parish church of Gotehurst, vacant by the death of Sir Roger Abyn; at the presentation of William Powlet of Bere, esquire, and Sir John Wyllynd, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Stokecursy, patrons for this turn, as appears by a certificate of Master John Storthwayt, etc. upon an inquisition touching the right of patronage of the church &c.

589. Jan. 31. Same place. The king's writ of Ne admittas, dated at Westminster, 24 January, 3 Henry V, was delivered to the vicar general for the church of Honyspill, touching the advowson of which there is a contention in the king's court between the king and Henry, bishop of Winchester, and
Fol. 106. Nicholas Calton, clerk; pending the discussion of the cause.

Clid.

590. Feb. 4. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Southewode, priest, as rector of the parish church of Spaxton, at the presentation of Robert Hull of Spaxton aforesaid, esquire, patron for this turn. 1416.

591. Feb. 11. Same place. He instituted Thomas Clyff, clerk, as rector of the parish church of Kynwardeston, vacant by the resignation of Sir Thomas Benham; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Bermondsey of the Cluniac order of the diocese of Winchester.

592. Consultacio pro ecclesia de Honespill.

As above. Traditum et liberatum fuit breve regium de admittendo pro ecclesia de Honyspill pro Johanne Arundell, clerico, vicario in spiritualibus predicto cujus tenor sequitur in hec verba;—Henricus etc. N. etc. vel ejus vicario generali, salutem. Licet nuper per breve nostrum vobis prohibuerimus ne admitteretis personam ad ecclesiam de Honyspill vacantem et de cujus advocacione contencio mota fuit in curia nostra inter nos et Henricum, episcopum Wyntoniensem, et Nicholaum Calton, clericum, donec discussum foret in eadem curia utrum ad nos an ad prefatos episcopum et Nicholaum pertineret ejusdem ecclesie advocacio quibusdam tamen certis de causis nos moventibus vobis significamus quod presentatum nostrum ad ecclesiam predictam ac cetera que vestro in hac parte incumbent officio libere exercere poteritis, reclamacione ipsorum episcopi et Nicholai seu prohibicione nostra predicta in aliquo non obstante. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xij die Februarii anno regni nostri tercio. Prestwyk.

Feb. 12. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Arundell, priest, in the above church, vacant by the death of Master William Loryng; at the presentation of the king, patron for this turn.

593. Feb. 15. Same place. He instituted Sir Edward Bradeley, chaplain, in the parish church of Pille, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Laurence . . . . . *Unfinished and vacated.*

594. Resignation by John Laurence of the church of Pille.

The present resignation was read and interposed in the inn Fol. 106*d.*

1416. of one John Broghton in Flete Street, London, on 11 February 1415–1416, in the ninth indiction, the sixth year from the coronation of pope John XXIII, in the presence of Henry Oxlowe and Roger Longford of Wells of the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, witnesses, and of me John Storthwayt.

595. Feb. 15. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Laurens, priest, as rector of the parish church of Kelveston, vacant by the death of Sir Walter Hert; at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shaftesbury of the diocese of Salisbury.

596. As above. He instituted Sir Edward Bradeley, priest, as rector of the church of Pille, vacant as above; at the presentation of the king.

597. As above. There was delivered to him the king's writ, dated at Westminster, January 21, 3 Henry V, of summons to a Parliament at Westminster on 16 March next. [*Summons to Parliament, Dugdale, p.* 398.]

Mandate of the vicar general to the president of the chapter of Wells, in the absence of the dean, to summon the dean and chapter as above. Dated at Wells, 16 February, 1415–16.

A like mandate went out to the prior of Bath.

Like mandates went out to archdeacons of Bath, Wells and Taunton.

Fol. 107. 598. Feb. 18. Wells. The vicar general granted to Hugh Corteley, acolyte, of the diocese, a poor scholar, letters dimissory to all orders.

599. Feb. 21. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir John Warde, rector of the parish church of Clowesworth, to the church of Murelynche, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, and Sir Thomas Whityng, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Murelynche, to the church of Clowesworth, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Montacute: on an exchange of benefices made between them.

600. Feb. 22. Same place. He instituted Sir Athelard Umfray, chaplain, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of

Schepton Mountegu, vacant by the death of Sir John Goolde, 1416.
at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

601. As above. The vicar general received a letter of Richard, bishop of London, dated in Fulham manor, 20 January, 1415–16, containing a letter of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in Otteford manor 4 January and received by him on 13 January, sending a provincial constitution for the perpetual observance of the feasts of St. George the Martyr, patron and protector of the nation; of St. David and St. Chad on 1 and 2 March; and of St. Winifred the Virgin on 3 November. [*Wilkins*, vol. 3, p. 376.]

Feb. 28. Wells. Mandate of the vicar general to the president and chapter of Wells to celebrate the feasts accordingly in that church and the peculiar jurisdiction thereof; certifying him by Quinquagesima Sunday of all that they do Fol. 108.
herein.

The like to the abbot of Glastonbury for his jurisdiction.

The like to Master John Storthwayt, bachelor of both laws etc., for the rest of the diocese.

602. As above. [O—H—O. *Cf.* 615.] There was delivered to the vicar general a mandate of the archbishop of Canterbury to enquire touching arrears of the subsidy for the expenses of those lately sent to attend the council at Pisa in these words. Cum nos nuper in convocacione ultima in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi celebrata, inter cetera tam Anglicane quam universalis ecclesie honorem et utilitatem concernencia una vobiscum prelatis et clero nostre Cantuariensis provincie de subvencione aliqua facienda venerabilibus confratribus Bathoniensi et Sarisburiensi episcopis in concilio generali Constanciensi non sine gravi sumptuum onere expectantibus ac pro reformacione status universalis ecclesie et ejusdem redintegracione et unitate per Dei graciam fiendis assidue laborantibus sepius adinvicem contulerimus, sicut scitis verum quia attentis gravibus oneribus quibus clerus nostre provincie hiis diebus diversis modis pregravatur ad alicujus nove imposicionis subsidium idem clerus condescendere non volebat, attamen deliberacione communi prima considerantes quod de subsidio quatuor denariorum de

1416. libra quorumcumque beneficiorum et bonorum ecclesiasticorum nostre provincie taxatorum et ad decimam solvere consuetorum alias tempore Thome Arundell, ultimi et immediati predecessoris nostri Cantuariensis archiepiscopi transituris ad concilium generale Pisannense concesso plures denarii in manibus collectorum ejusdem et quorumdam non solventium ad summam notabilem remanserunt, sicut adhuc remanent, non soluti, qui quidem denarii si fideliter et integraliter essent recollecti ad ipsorum relevacionem notabilem absque novis cleri concessionibus juvare possent et deberent; de vestro igitur ac aliorum suffraganeorum nostrorum, prelatorum quoque et cleri antedictorum consensu, communi deliberacione prehabita, ipsius provincialis concilii auctoritate decrevimus et eciam ordinavimus quod singuli confratres et coepiscopi nostri, quatenus levacio, collexio et solucio subsidii predicti iiij*d.* de libra ipsorum civitates et dioceses concernunt, de denariis ipsis a retro existentibus diligenter inquirerent, collectoresque, receptores et eorum executores, sive bonorum administratores, cum celeritate possibili facerent ad suam presenciam evocari et de pecuniis hujusmodi seu alias colligendis vel perceptis compotum fidelem reciperent seu per alios sic recipi facerent ab eisdem, &c. Data in manerio nostro de Otteford 2 Januarii, 1415–16, et nostre translacionis anno secundo.

On 23 February, in the registry of Wells, he handed the mandate to Master John Storthwayt, commissary general, to enquire throughout the diocese whether any of the subsidy was in arrear or in the hands of those who should contribute to such subsidy, or of the abbot and convent of Cleeve, and the prior and convent of Taunton, the collectors of the subsidy, or their deputies, to audit the account or reckoning of the said collectors and compel payment pursuant to the foregoing mandate of what has not yet been paid. He commanded him also to certify him by 20 March of what he has done on the premises and of all that he has learned by such inquisition and audit.

603. Feb. 24. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for Roger Frye, subdeacon, and John Spernen, acolyte, monk of the house of St. Mary, Wytham, of the Carthusian order, both of the diocese, to the order of the sub-diaconate.

604. Feb. 28. Same place. He instituted Nicholas Walters, 1416.
chaplain, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Cherleton Cammyle [Charlton Camvyle, *in the margin*], vacant by the death of Sir John Prownce; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Kenilleworth of the order of St. Augustine, of the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield.

605. March 6. Wells. Thomas Shelford, canon of Wells, the bishop's commissary for this, collated to Sir Henry Childe, priest, the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Overstoway, vacant because Sir John Southwod, late vicar, has Fol. 109.
entered into possession of the parish church of Spaxton, also in the bishop's collation; and at his request the vicar general appended the seal for the bishop's causes to these presents.

606. March 8. Wells. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for Richard Tewe, rector of the parish church of Standerwyk, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, acolyte, to all holy orders.

607. March 14. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir Richard Baylly, chaplain, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Compton Dando, vacant by the death of Sir John Frye; at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

608. March 15. Same place. He instituted Sir John de Leicestria, priest, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Wedmor, vacant by the death of Sir Robert Tanner; at the presentation of Master Walter Medford, dean of Wells, patron for this turn.

609. March 20. Same place. He instituted Sir Richard Hobbeday, chaplain, in the parish church of Farneburgh, vacant by the resignation of Master John Stafford, doctor of laws; at the presentation of Humphrey Stafford, knight, patron for this turn.

Public instrument of the resignation of the said Master John, Fol. 109*d*.
drawn up by William Brounyng, clerk, of the diocese of Exeter, notary public by apostolic authority. Witnesses Henry Webber, John Hyller, and Thomas Baker, clerks, of the dioceses of Exeter and Worcester.

The notary's attestation of the above.

1416. THE YEAR OF THE LORD 1416 FOLLOWS.

610. March 25. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Walter Clay, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Fyfyde, vacant by the resignation of Sir Robert Eston; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Muchelnye.

611. Instrument of the resignation by Master John Barton, bachelor in laws, rector of the parish church of Lamyate, of the said church on the ground that he had obtained the vicarage of
Fol. 110. the parish church of Tettebury of the diocese of Worcester, which cannot be held with the church of Lamyate, made on 28 December, 1415, 6 pope John XXIII, in the hall known as the Little Hall of the University of Oxford by the college of Oxford University of the diocese of Lincoln, in the presence of Thomas de Burscogh, clerk of the diocese of Lincoln, notary public by apostolic authority, witnesses, Richard Weler and William Knyght, clerks, of Worcester and Salisbury dioceses.

The notary's attestation that these things were done in his presence and reduced to writing by him.

612. April 1. Wells. The vicar general instituted Master John Lough, bachelor of both laws, in the parish church of Lamyate, vacant as above; at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Godstowe of the order of St. Benedict, of the diocese of Lincoln.

613. April 4. Same place. He granted letters dimissory for William Weston of the diocese, sub-deacon, to the holy orders of the diaconate and the priesthood.

614. As above. He received letters of Richard, bishop of London, dated in Fulham manor, March 10, notifying the receipt by him on 8 March of a mandate of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in Lambeth manor, 6 March, 1415—16, to
Fol. 110*d*. summon the convocation of the province to meet at St. Paul's, London, on 1 April, to consider letters to the king and the archbishop from the general council at Constance and specially from the bishops of Bath and Salisbury, proctors sent to that council, upon the union of holy mother church; and com-

manding him to give effect to the mandate in the diocese of Bath and Wells. 1416.

April 6. Wells. The vicar general, although the day for appearance was passed, having regard to the difficulties of the business and the peril which would in all probability result in case the mandate on account of the delay of its receipt were not executed in some sort, committed to Henry Orblowe power to summon the prelates and clergy of the diocese and further to carry out what was demanded in the same letters. Fol. 111.

Certificate of the vicar general to the archbishop that, although he only received from the bishop of London the archbishop's mandate to summon the clergy to a convocation on 1 April on the 5th of April, in order that its purpose should not be entirely frustrated, he has summoned them to appear with all speed in the church of St. Paul, London, in the present provincial council which is still in session, as is said. The names of those cited are contained in a schedule annexed. And so he has in fact executed the mandate as far as he could. Dated at Wells, April 10.

The names of those cited ;—

Master Walter Medford, dean of Wells.
The chapter of Wells.
John, prior of Bath.
The chapter of Bath.
John, abbot of Glastonbury.
Thomas, prior of Taunton.
John Iclyngton, archdeacon of Wells.
Roger Harewell, archdeacon of Bath.
The clergy of the diocese.

615. Certificatorium mandati domini Cantuariensis archiepiscopi scripti iiij folio precedente ad tale signum O—H—O.

April 10. Wells. Certificate of the vicar general to Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, that on receipt on 5 February of the archbishop's mandate to collect all arrears of the subsidy granted for the expenses of those who were sent to the general council of Pisa, he caused diligent inquisition to be made for the same and summoned before him the abbot of Cleeve and the prior of

1416. Fol. 111*d*. Taunton, the collectors of that subsidy, to shew their account and the names of those not paying or in arrear, and to pay to him in full any sum still in their hands or in arrear; and the collectors, appearing, shewed several acquittances of Richard Brynkle, late dean of the church of St. Mary le Bow, London, and John Perche, then registrar of the court of Canterbury, receivers general of the said subsidy, for the sum of 124*l*. 18*s*. 6½*d*. in full payment of the subsidy due from the diocese.

616. April 16. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir John Langtoft, chaplain, in the person of Master John Arston, his proctor, as rector of the parish church of All Saints, Kynwardeston, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Clyff, clerk, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Bermundeseye of the Cluniac order, of the diocese of Winchester.

617. April 11. Same place. He instituted Sir John Walsh, chaplain, as rector of the parish church of Salford, vacant by the death of Sir John Wellyngton; at the presentation of John Rodeney, esquire, patron for this turn.

618. As above. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for Thomas Boryng of the diocese, having the first tonsure, to the orders of the acolyteship and the sub-diaconate.

619. April 21. Same place. He instituted Sir Richard Touker, chaplain, as perpetual vicar of the prebendal church of Bathewyk, vacant by the resignation of Sir Thomas Standich; at the presentation of Simon Marchforde, canon and prebendary of Bathewyk in the collegiate church of Wherwell, of the diocese of Winchester, patron for this turn.

Fol. 112. 620. April 29. Same place. He instituted Sir Richard Mold, chaplain, as rector of the parish church of Berkelegh, vacant by the death of Sir John Chauton; at the presentation of Isabel Barnabe, lady of Berkelegh, patron for this turn, as appears by the tenour of a certificate of Master John Storthwayt, bachelor in both laws, special commissary for this, upon an inquisition made touching the right of patronage of the said church.

621. April 7. In furtherance of a commission of Henry, 1416.
bishop of Winchester, dated in Suthwerk manor, 2 April, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Brymyng, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Twyverton, and Robert Kene, rector of the parish church of Westdene of the diocese of Winchester, the vicar general instituted Sir Robert in the church of Twyverton, at the presentation of the prioress and convent of Kyngton, of the diocese of Salisbury, and Sir Thomas in the church of Westdene, saving to the bishop of Winchester, his induction and canonical obedience.

622. As above. The vicar general instituted Sir Walter Kenard, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Schepton Mountegu, vacant by the death of Sir Athelard Umfray; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

623. RICHARD, bishop of LONDON, to the VICAR GENERAL
April 28. Fulham manor. Transmits a mandate of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in the palace of Canterbury, 20 April, 1416, for the levy throughout the province of the *2d.* of the pound of all ecclesiastical goods, benefices, &c. (benefices &c of poor nuns and benefices in Wales and elsewhere destroyed by wars and floods or too impoverished, as the ordinaries shall certify, excepted) lately granted in the convocation held in London, for the expenses of those to be sent over to or already present at the council of Constance, to be levied by the archdeacons and paid on the feast of the Ascension of the Lord; and the sending of the money thereof at once to London to Master John Estcourt, examiner of the archbishop's court of Canterbury, receiver of the said subsidy, so that he may have the same by Midsummer Day at the latest; and Fol. 112*d.*
commands him to execute such mandate in the diocese, certifying the archbishop or the said receiver of what he has done in the matter and of the names of goods and benefices excepted by him from payment of the subsidy, and of the true value of ecclesiastical good, benefices etc. in the diocese not taxed to the payment of tenths.

May 7. Wells. The vicar general sent his mandate to the

1416. archdeacon of Bath to execute the above mandate in his archdeaconry according to the annotation of the estimation or the true value of the same goods &c. written in the annexed schedule, that the vicar general may be answered of the same by the vigil of Pentecost; compelling by canonical means such as refuse or at least unduly defer payment of the subsidy to pay. He is to certify the vicar general by word of mouth about the said vigil of the day of the receipt of these presents and in all things to do as is demanded above.

Fol. 113. Another like commission went out to the archdeacon of Wells, for his archdeaconry and the jurisdiction of Glastonbury.

Another also to the archdeacon of Taunton.

624. May 10. The vicar general granted to Richard, bishop of Innis Scattery, Katadensis, authority and licence to reconcile the churchyard of Schepton Malet, polluted by the shedding of blood.

625. May 14. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of Philip, bishop of Lincoln, dated in his inn at the Old Temple, London, 11 May, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Nicholas Sawyer, rector of the parish church of Kylve, and Ralph Lambedon, rector of the parish church of Tyngrith of the diocese of Lincoln, the vicar general instituted Sir Ralph in the church or the ministry of the church of Kylve, at the presentation of Humphrey Stafford, knight, patron for this turn, and Sir Nicholas in the church of Tyngrith at the presentation of Thomas Peynel, donzel.

626. May 19. Wells. In furtherance of a commission of Henry, bishop of Winchester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Roger Paternoster, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Cheddre, and Thomas Benham, rector of the parish church of Lambhith of the diocese of Winchester, the vicar general instituted Sir Thomas in the vicarage of Cheddre, at the presentation of Sir Thomas Madyngle, canon of Wells and perpetual farmer of the farm of Cheddre; and Sir Roger, in the person of William Hope, vicar of the choir of the church of Wells, his proctor, in the church of Lambhithe, at the presentation of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury.

627. May 24. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir Richard Pavy, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Inglescomb, vacant by the death of John Bigg; at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath. 1416. Fol. 113*d*.

628. June 1. He instituted Sir John Nichol, chaplain, as rector of the parish church of Radestoke, vacant by the death of Sir John Wynford; at the presentation of John Stourton, the elder, esquire, patron for this turn.

629. Resignacio ecclesie de Penne.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, authentica persona, et testibus hic presentibus, ego Johannes Nichol, ecclesiam parochialem de Radestoke pacifice assecutus et in pacifica possessione ejusdem existens de jure incompatibilem cum ecclesia parochiali de Penne Dummer, quam dudum obtinui et adhuc obtineo in presenti, existens adhuc infra tempus a jure indultum ad resignandam dictam ecclesiam meam de Penne ipsamve verbo et facto in sacras et venerabiles manus reverendi etc. Nicholai, Dei gracia Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi, et vestras, ejus nomine, juxta formam constitucionis bone memorie Johannis pape XXII, que incipit *Execrabilis*, resigno, et prout dicte constitucionis vigore teneor, re et verbo dimitto actualiter in hiis scriptis.

June 3. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John May, priest, to the parish church of Penne Dummer, vacant [*as above*], at the presentation of John Stourton the elder, esquire, patron for this turn.

630. As above. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for John Brown and John Lang, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, subdeacons, to the holy order of the diaconate; and to Robert Bayly of the same diocese, deacon, to the holy order of the priesthood.

631. June 4. Same place. In furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Robert Mareschall, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Cotecomb, and William Chapell, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Netherstowey, the vicar general instituted Sir Robert in the vicarage of Netherstowey, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Goldclyve of the diocese

1416. of Llandaff, and Sir William in the vicarage of Cotecomb, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton.

Fol. 114. 632. Mandate of Geoffrey Crukadan, inceptor of both laws, canon of Salisbury, vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, to bishop Nicholas or his vicar general to induct or procure the induction of Sir John Longevile, priest, to whom the vicar general has collated a canonry and the prebend of Fordyngton and Writelyngton in the church of Salisbury, or his proctor, into corporal possession of the prebend of Writelyngton. Dated at Salisbury, under the seal of the officiality, 10 June, 1416.

Mandate in pursuance of the vicar general of Wells to the rector of the parish church of Writelyngton and the perpetual vicar of the church of Bokelond Dynham. Dated at Wells under the seal for the bishop's causes, 15 June, 1416.

633. June 17. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Thomas Sampford, priest, as rector of the parish church of Estham, vacant by the resignation of Sir John May; at the presentation of John Sencler the elder.

634. June 19. Same place. He instituted Master Thomas
Fol. 114*d*. Warde, clerk, bachelor in laws, in the parish church of Northstoke, vacant by the death of Sir John Tyght; at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

635. The vicar general, to the abbot of Glastonbury or in his absence to the guardian of the spirituality there.

June 26. Wells. Officialis archidiaconi Wellie nobis sua relacione monstravit quod licet ipse in ejusdem archidiaconi absencia collector subsidii duorum denariorum de libra de omnibus bonis, beneficiis et possessionibus ecclesiasticis taxatis et non taxatis infra archidiaconatum Wellie et presertim infra jurisdiccionem Glastonie, que notorie infra predictum archidiaconatum consistit, ubilibet existentibus nuper in convocacione cleri Londinensis celebrata concessi pro expensis transmittendorum et modo existencium in concilio generali Constanciensi auctoritate dicte convocacionis per nos legitime deputatus solucionem dicti subsidii sibi fieri de bonis, beneficiis et

possessionibus hujusmodi infra jurisdiccionem predictam existentibus a possessoribus eorumdem sepius et instanter postulaverit, iidem tamen possessores dictum subsidium, quod ante festum Ascensionis Dominice ultimo preteritum solvi debuisset, hactenus solvere distulerunt absque causa racionabili et adhuc, prout dicitur, solvere differunt, minus bene, propter quod non sufficimus admirari. Vobis igitur in virtute obediencie necnon auctoritate premissa firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus omnes et singulos bonorum, beneficiorum et possessionum ecclesiasticorum, taxatorum et non taxatorum, infra jurisdiccionem predictam ubilibet existencium possessores quoscumque moneatis et inducatis, monerive induci efficaciter faciatis quod ipsi subsidium predictum, prout eos et eorum quemlibet concernit, officiali archidiaconi predicti realiter solvant infra sex dies a die date presencium continue numerandos sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, quorum sex dierum duos primo, et duos pro secundo, et reliquos duos pro tercio et peremptorio termino propter dicti negocii qualitatem sic duximus assignari, quam in ipsorum singulos solucionem premissam infra terminum predictum solvere differentes, mora et culpa suis precedentibus et canonica monicione premissa, intendimus fulminare. Et quid in premissis feceritis nos citra tercium diem mensis Julii proximo futurum per literas vestras patentes harum seriem modumque et formam execucionis vestre in hac parte, necnon nomina et cognomina solvere differencium sive recusancium continentes, sigillo vestro consignatas, reddatis debite certiores. 1416.

636. A writ of the king.

Henricus etc. N. etc. vel ejus vicario generali, ipso episcopo in remotis agente, salutem. Licet vos, vos prefate vicarius, ac prelati et clerus Cantuariensis provincie in convocacione prelatorum hujusmodi in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi decimo octavo die mensis Novembris proximo preterito incepta et usque ad secundum diem mensis Decembris extunc sequentem de diebus in dies continuata concesseritis et concesserint nobis duas decimas de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis ad decimam taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis, exceptis bonis et beneficiis pauperum monialium et hospitalariorum beneficiisque in

1416. partibus Wallie et alibi per incursus hostiles, inundaciones aquarum aut aliter destructis vel nimium diminutis, super quibus stabitur literis ordinariorum, exceptis insuper bonis et beneficiis collegiorum Beate Marie Wyntoniensis in Oxonia et Beate Marie prope civitatem Wyntoniensem de fundacione episcopi Wyntoniensis existencium, duas insuper decimas de quibuscumque beneficiis ecclesiasticis non taxatis quorum verus valor ad decem libras et ultra, secundum communem estimacionem, se extendit super quo eciam valore stabitur estimacioni et literis ordinarii, solvendas ad terminos infrascriptos, videlicet in festo sancti Martini in Yeme proximo futuro unam decimam et ad festum sancti Martini in Yeme extunc proximo futurum anno revoluto unam aliam decimam: Vosque tamen, prefate vicarie, ac prelati et clerus dicte Cantuariensis provincie, considerantes necessariam et subitaneam profeccionem nostram in defensionem ecclesie et regni Anglicanorum aliasque necessarias et graves expensas nostras, in ultima convocacione concesseritis et concesserint quod illa decima de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis ut premittitur alias concessa que solvi deberet in
Fol. 115. predicto festo sancti Martini in Yeme proximo futuro, salvis aliis suis condicionibus in eadem concessione insertis, in festo Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo futuro absque ulteriori dilacione integre persolvatur; Vobis mandamus quod aliquos fidedignos de clero Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis pro quibus respondere volueritis ad decimas predictas in eadem diocesi juxta formam concessionum predictarum levandas et colligendas, prout moris est, assignari et deputari faciatis; ita quod nobis de dictis decimis ad festa predicta in forma predicta respondeatur, thesaurarium et barones de scaccario nostro de nominibus illorum quos ad hoc deputaveritis citra dictum festum sancti Johannis Baptiste proxime futurum ad ultimum distincte et aperte certificantes. Et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum diligitis nullatenus omittatis. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium x° die Junii anno regni nostri quarto.

Wymbissh.

Johannes Roland, canonicus ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis, reverendi etc. Nicholai etc. in remotis agentis, vicarius in spiritualibus generalis, venerabilibus et religiosis viris abbati monasterii Glastoniensis et ejusdem loci conventui, Bathoniensis

et Wellensis diocesis, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Breve 1416.
regium xxviij° die instantis mensis Junii nos recepisse noveritis in hec verba, Henricus etc. ut supra. Nos vero dictum breve, licet illud post terminum constitutum recepimus, nolentes frustrari ex certis justis causis, ymo defensionem ecclesie et regni Anglicanorum ex intrinsecis quantum possimus affectantes et ea que ad tam celerem et quasi subitaneum transitum invictissimi principis domini nostri regis magis expedire poterunt cupientes promovere studio quo possimus meliori, ad levandam igitur, exigendam, colligendam et recipiendam, omni celeritate possibili unam decimam de bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis ad decimam taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis in civitatibus et diocesi Bathoniensium et Wellensium ubilibet existentibus (beneficiis pauperum monialium de Canyngton, Barowe et Ilchestre, ac hospitalariorum sancti Johannis Baptiste, Wellie, Bristolli, Bruggewatre, Stanle et Bathonie, in dictis civitatibus et diocesi dumtaxat exceptis); necnon unam decimam de beneficiis ecclesiasticis non taxatis dictarum civitatum et diocesis, in annexa cedula conscriptis, juxta annotacionem estimacionis veri valoris annui eorundem in jam dicta cedula specificatam, et singulis solventibus de soluto acquietancias faciendas, vobis, de quorum circumspeccione, fidelitate et industria plenam in Domino fiduciam gerimus, vices nostras committimus, cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonice potestate, vosque collectores decime predicte in iisdem civitatibus et diocesi quam prelati et clerus supradicti solvi concesserant, ut premittitur, in festo nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo jam effluxo, auctoritate brevis regii predicti, deputamus et ordinamus per presentes, mandantes vobis quatinus dictam decimam cum omni celeritate possibili levetis seu fideliter levari faciatis, eo non obstante quod has nostre commissionis literas tam tarde, sine culpa nostra, receperitis eciam post terminum in dicto brevi constitutum, ita quod per vos eidem domino nostro in scaccario suo de prefata decima celerius quo omnino poteritis integre satisfiat, taliter vos habentes in premissis ut de vestra diligencia a dicto domino nostro rege valeatis merito commendari et in omnem eventum vestro volueritis periculo respondere. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum ad causas dicti reverendi patris apud nos ut eo utamur dimisso

1416. presentibus apposuimus. Data Wellie xxix die mensis Junii supradicti anno domini millesimo cccc^mo xvj^o.

Estimation of the true yearly value of benefices in the diocese, not taxed nor accustomed to pay to the tenth, from which the tenth is due for this turn to the king by virtue of the grant set out in the annexed letters.

In the deanery of Bath.	
The vicarage of Bathneston.	15 marks.
The vicarage of Southstoke.	15 marks.
In the deanery of Redeclyff.	
The church of Obley.	15 marks.
The vicarage of Yatton.	15 marks.
In the deanery of Cary.	
The church of Corscomb.	15 marks.
The church or chapel of Blakeford.	15 marks.
In the deanery of Ilchestre.	
The vicarage of Kyngesbury.	15 marks.
In the deanery of Crukern.	
The vicarage of Inminstre.	16 marks.
In the deanery of Dunsterr.	
The vicarage of Mynhede.	20 marks.
In the deanery of Axbrugge.	
The vicarage of Bannewell.	15 marks.

Fol. 115*d*. Certificate of the vicar general to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer of the appointment of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury as collectors of the said tenth. Dated at Wells under the seal &c. 29 June, 1416.

637. July 1. Wells. The vicar general instituted William Hycke, clerk, bachelor in laws, to the parish church of Westcoker, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Bray, last rector; at the presentation of Edward Courtenay, earl of Devon, patron for this turn.

638. July 10. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Boteler, perpetual vicar of the church of Haselbare, and John Tykhull, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Stodley of the diocese of Worcester, the vicar general

instituted Sir John Tykhull in the vicarage of Haselbare, at the presentation of Sir Richard Aldryngton, canon and prebendary of Haselbare in the cathedral church of Wells, patron for this turn ; and Sir John Boteler in the vicarage of Stodley. 1416.

639. Aug. 2. Same place. The vicar general granted licence, for one year only, for Hugh Sampford and Maud, his wife, to have masses celebrated in their presence in a low voice by a fit chaplain in a chapel or oratory within their dwelling place of Bakhey, without prejudice to the parish church there.

640. Aug. 14. Wells. In furtherance of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Gynour, perpetual chaplain of the chantry of St. John the Baptist in the parish church of Fromebraunche, and Thomas Halforde, rector of the parish church of Ulbarewe of the diocese of Worcester, the vicar general instituted the latter in the chantry aforesaid, at the presentation of Elizabeth relict of Edmund Leversegge, lady of Fromebraunche, patroness for this turn ; and the said Sir William in the church of Ulbarewe aforesaid, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Evesham. Fol. 116.

641. Aug. 25. Same place. The vicar general committed to the vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Galon, vicar of the parish church of Kynggeston by Taunton, and John Hele, chaplain of the perpetual chantry of the Holy Trinity in the church of St. Laurence, Hongerford, of the diocese of Salisbury, and after receipt of a report from him to wit Master Geoffrey Crukadan, canon of the church of Salisbury, that, pursuant to the commission, he on 29 August instituted the said Sir John in the vicarage of Kynggeston, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton, on 3 September, received from Sir John the oath of canonical obedience ; and his induction was demanded.

642. Sept. 1. Same place. Sir Thomas Schelford, canon of Wells, and bishop's commissary in the matter, in furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Master Thomas Polton, archdeacon of Taunton, and Sir Nicholas Calton, canon and

1416. prebendary of the prebend of Compton Episcopi in the cathedral church of Wells, receiving the resignations of both parties by their proctors, collated the archdeaconry with the prebend of Milverton annexed thereto, to Sir Nicholas Calton, priest, and invested him in the same, in the person of Sir Robert Burgh, vicar of the choir of the said church, his proctor; and to the said Master Thomas Polton, in the person of John Marchall, clerk, his proctor, the said canonry and prebend in the said church, and invested him in the same.

Fol. 116*d*. 643. RICHARD, bishop of LONDON, to bishop NICHOLAS or his vicar general.

July 9, 1416. His palace at London. Sends for publication and execution in the diocese a provincial constitution made in the last convocation of the clergy of the province of Canterbury, received by him on the sixth day of the same month in a letter of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in his manor of Otteford, 3 July, 1416, that in every rural deanery in all parishes diligent enquiry be made, twice a year at least, whether there be therein any heretics or persons having secret assemblies, or holding or suspected of heresies or errors, and any who favour or receive them. The archbishop is to be certified of what is done in the premises by the feast of St. Peter's Chains. [*Wilkins*, vol. 3, p. 379.]

Fol. 117. Mandate of the vicar general to the president of the chapter, in the absence of the dean, to cause the constitution to be published in the cathedral church of Wells at the most suitable hours and times, straitly charging the officials of the jurisdictions of the dean severally, and the dean and chapter jointly, and all others having the exercise of peculiar or prebendal jurisdictions pertaining to any ecclesiastical persons beneficed in the said cathedral church, to have the same duly published and observed in all places in the said jurisdictions. Dated at Wells under the seal of the president of the bishop's consistory of Wells which he has at hand, 1 September.

The like to the archdeacon of Wells or his official, for his archdeaconry.

The like to the archdeacon of Bath.

The like to the guardian of the jurisdiction of Glastonbury.

644. Sept. 3. Wells. The vicar general granted letters 1416.
dimissory for John Bard, acolyte, of the diocese, to the holy order of the diaconate; and for John Lang, John Broun, and Roger Frye, and for William Brendham, deacons, of the same diocese, to the holy order of the priesthood.

645. RICHARD, bishop of LONDON, to the VICAR GENERAL.
Aug. 11. London palace. He has received letters of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in Saltwode castle, 2 August, Fol. 117*d*.
1416, reciting that, although he lately commanded that processions, litanies &c should be made throughout the province every Wednesday and Friday for the peace and unity of the church, the prosperity of the king and realm, for the fruit and for fine weather, in which he decreed that Sigismund, king of the Romans, was to be remembered, nevertheless by the report of several of his subjects of the said province, he has learned that the devotion of the clergy and people alike is lukewarm about the premises, notwithstanding the testimony of the Saviour and the Scripture as to the efficacy of fervent and uninterrupted prayer, for the people conquered while Moses prayed but were conquered when he put down his hands; and the Scripture commemorates the efficacy of prayer in the case of David and Daniel, and in the case of the emperor Theodosius against Eugenius and Arbogastes, history shews that, when Theodosius prayed to the Most High, a mighty wind miraculously turned the darts of the army of the adversaries back against those hurling them and carried the darts of Theodosius's party in like manner against the same with a force more than mortal; and commanding the bishop to give commandment with all speed by his letters to his suffragans for such processions to be held in their dioceses and to have them made in his own diocese, until further order and to incite the faithful to pray more devoutly, the archbishop grants forty days of indulgence to all followers of Christ taking part in the processions and prayers. The bishop Fol. 118.
accordingly commands that the archbishop's mandate be executed in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

Mandate of the vicar general to the president of the chapter of the cathedral church of Wells to give effect to the archbishop's mandate within the jurisdiction of that church. Dated

1416. at Wells under the seal of the president of the bishop's consistory, 10 September, 1416.

Mandate to give effect to the above, to the guardian of the jurisdiction of Glastonbury.

The like to the archdeacon of Wells.

Mandate to Master John Storthwayt, bachelor of both laws, the bishop's commissary general, to execute the same in the archdeaconries of Bath and Taunton.

646. Sept. 16. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir John Bayworth, chaplain, in the perpetual chantry of St. Katharine, Frome Braunche, vacant by the death of Sir Richard Gryndenham ; at the presentation of Elizabeth relict of Edmund Leversegge, lady of Frome aforesaid, patroness for this turn.

Fol. 118*d*. 647. Sept. 16. Wells. He granted letters dimissory for Master William Hicke, having the first tonsure, to all holy orders.

648. Citacio capellani cantarie de Lymyngton.

Johannes Roland etc. dilecto nobis decano decanatus de Ilchestre, salutem in Auctore salutis. Cum nos dominum Edmundum Stopp, capellanum perpetue cantarie Beate Marie in ecclesia parochiali de Lymyngton se dicentem, qui se fraudulenter a cantaria predicta, que continuam et juratam residenciam requirit, per triennium et ultra absque justa causa absentavit, voluntarium injurium incurrendo et ipsam cantariam debitis obsequiis divinis nequiter defraudando, per trine citacionis edictum in ecclesia parochiali predicta publicatum ad residenciam per te fecimus evocari et moneri, quodque dictus Edmundus sic monitus obedire non curavit, ymo ultra sex menses post tempus monicionis tue hujusmodi, ymo verius nostre, sibi in dicta ecclesia, ut premittitur, facte cantariam deseruit prelibatam, sicuti per certificatorium tuum nobis ante festum Natalis Domini ultimo preteritum super hiis transmissum et aliunde liquere dinoscitur evidenter, propter quod idem Edmundus dicta cantaria nedum spoliari merito debet juxta canonicas sancciones verum eciam contra eum per suspensionis et excom-

municacionis sententiam est eciam procedendum; cum itaque 1416.
Willelmus Bonevile, miles, patronum dicte cantarie se pretendens, nobis presentaverit quendam Johannem Bery, presbiterum, ad prefatam cantariam quam ipse constanter asserit vacare, et ad suam spectare presentacionem; nos igitur modo congruum censemus ut cum celeritate id in premissis provideatur quod canonicis convenit institutis, mandamus tibi in virtute obediencie firmiter injungendo quatinus cites seu citari facias peremptorio prefatum dominum Edmundum capellanum, si personaliter valeat inveniri, vel procuratorem suum si quem dimiserit in hac parte, alioquin publice citacionis edicto in ecclesia parochiali de Lymyngton predicta coram nobis et amicis suis publice proposito quod compareat coram circumspecto viro Magistro Johanne Storthwayt, in utroque jure bacallario, dicti reverendi patris commissario generali et nostro ad premissa specialiter deputato, cui omnium premissorum cognicionem et decisionem commisimus et committimus per presentes, die Sabbati proximo post festum Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis proximum futurum in ecclesia parochiali Beate Marie Virginis de Ilchestre predicta canonicum si quod pro se habeat propositurus et quatinus jura dictaverint in hac parte ostensurus quare ad amocionem ipsius Edmundi a cantaria predicta et admissionem dicti domini Johannis ad eandem minime procedi debeat ulteriusque facturus et recepturus quod justicia suadebit. De die vero recepcionis presencium ac citacionis et execucionis tuarum modoque et forma earumdem necnon quid feceritis in premissis prefatum Magistrum Johannem, commissarium, dictis die et loco debite certifices literis tuis patentibus harum tenorem et facti tui seriem in premissis continentes, sigillo officii tui consignatas reddas debite certiorem. Data Wellie, octavo die mensis Augusti sub sigillo presidentis consistorii Wellensis quod ad manus habemus anno domini millesimo cccc^{mo} xvj^{o}.

Reverende discrecionis viro Magistro Johanni Storthwayt etc. vester humilis et devotus decanus decanatus de Ilchestre obedienciam et reverenciam debitas, cum honore. Presens mandatum infrascriptum xij^{o} die mensis Augusti infrascripti anno infranominato recepi reverenter, prout decuit, in hec verba, Johannes Roland etc. ut supra. Cujus auctoritate mandati vestri reverendi infrascriptum dominum Edmundum

1416. Stopp, capellanum, diligenter quesivi ut eum personaliter citarem, et quia predictum Edmundum personaliter invenire non potui nec aliquem ipsius procuratorem quem dimitteret; cum nullus talis de quo scitur sit ibidem per eum dimissus, ideo publice citacionis edicto prefatum dominum Edmundum in ecclesia parochiali de Lymyngton infrascripta coram notis et
Fol. 119. amicis suis publice proposito sub talibus modo et forma quod ad ipsius noticiam possit verisimiliter pervenire citavi pariter et citari feci quod compareret coram vobis Magistro Johanne commissario supradicto die et loco in presenti mandato annotatis ad proponendam causam, si quam pro se habeat, quare ad ipsius amocionem a cantaria infrascripta et ad admissionem domini Johannis Bery ad eandem procedi non debeat in forma juris propositurus ulteriusque facturus et recepturus quod tenor mandati in se exigit et requirit. Et sic mandatum vestrum sum reverenter prout potui executus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii mei presentibus apposui. Data apud Ilchestre xix° die mensis Septembris anno domini infrascripto.

Sept. 19. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Bery, chaplain, in the said chantry, at the presentation of the said William Bonevyle, knight, patron for this turn.

649. Exhortacio facta archidiacono Tantoniensi.

Johannes Roland etc. dilecto in Christo filio archidiacono Tantoniensi seu ejus officiali salutem in Auctore salutis. Multorum reverendi patris Nicholai Dei gracia B. et W. episcopi expresse subditorum infra archidiaconatum Tantoniensem beneficiatorum relacione querulosa didicimus quod vos in jam instanti visitacione archidiaconatus predicti per mandata vestra que super premunicione visitacionis hujusmodi emanarunt beneficiatis hujusmodi dedistis in mandatis literas inductionum suarum et sic saltem partem titulorum beneficiorum suorum coram vobis exhibere diebus et locis quibus duxeritis visitare, jurisdiccionem vestro superiori in hac parte tam de jure scripto quam de consuetudine laudabili prescripta hactenus inconcusse observata solum et insolidum competentem indebite usurpando contra canonica instituta. Cum igitur non deceat falcem mittere in messem alienam et ad reverendi patris supradicti sive nostram ejus nomine in ipsius

absencia dumtaxat juris auctoritate spectet officium titulos 1416.
beneficiatorum hujusmodi discutere et examinare et eorundem exhibiciones recipere, eorumque causas instituendo sive destituendo juxta juris exigenciam audire et fine debito terminare: vobis in virtute obediencie et sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, tenore presencium firmiter injungendo, mandamus hortantes pridem in visceribus Jesu Christi quatinus visitacionem vestram instantem in mansuetudine juxta juris exigenciam debite exercentes a recepcione exhibicionis literarum induccionum beneficiatorum hujusmodi supersedeatis penitus et omnino, intimantes vobis harum tenore quod per has nostras literas non intendimus juri quod vobis competit de induccione hujusmodi beneficiatorum in aliquo derogare, ymo si aliquos beneficiatorum hujusmodi sciveritis literas induccionum idoneas non habere nomina et cognomina eorundem nobis denuncietis cum celeritate accomoda, et in hac parte tam pro conservacione juris vestri quam eidem beneficiato pro sui culpa indubie providere intendimus prout canonice dictaverint sancciones. Data Wellie, sub sigillo presidentis consistorii episcopalis Wellensis quod ad manus habemus, vicesimo tercio die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ xvj^o^.

[*Between Folios* 118*d and* 119 *there is inserted what appears to be a portion of a schedule of an estimation of values as follows:*—]

Church of Blakeford.	100*s.*
Merston.	
Church of Stowell.	4*l.*
Church of Berewyk.	4*l.*
Chantry of Yevele.	4*l.*
Ilchestre.	
Church of Lucton.	4*l.*
Vicarage of Cherlton Adam.	4*l.*
Redeclef.	
Church of Chelworth.	4*l.*
Church of Weston.	4*l.*
Church of Henton Bluet.	6*l.*
Church of Stoke in Chewe.	4*l.*
Vicarage of Tykenham.	4*l.*

1416. Dorse.

Cruck.
Church of Estham.
Church of Seveburgh.
Church of Stokelynch Magdalene.
Church of Cryket Maleerbe.
Vicarage of Ile Abbots.
Vicarage of Ilebrewere.
Vicarage of Swelle.
Vicarage of Asshull.

Fol. 119*d*. 650. Sept. 26. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Gove, priest, as rector of the parish church of Tymbusborgh, vacant by the death of Roger Berd; at the presentation of Eleanor de Sancto Amando, patroness for this turn.

651. Mandatum directum archidiacono Tantoniensi ad supersedendum a gravaminibus ecclesiarum et cleri et de attemptatis contra jurisdiccionem episcopalem.

Johannes Roland etc, dilectis nobis archidiacono Tantoniensi et ejus officiali salutem et preceptum propriis utiliter insistere et ab alienis sagaciter abstinere. Multorum reverendi patris Nicholai etc. expresse subditorum beneficia et officia infra archidiaconatum Tantoniensem obtinencium et aliorum crebra relacione querulosa didicimus quod licet testantibus sanctorum patrum decretis naturalis disposicionis effectus semen serenti reddat et fructum laboris multiplicet operanti, absurdum vero pariter et iniquum nemo dubitat ibi quemquam ubi non seminat metere et ex hiis colligere que non spargit; ex hiis utique sacrorum canonum provisio equitate ponderata decrevit ut ecclesia que visitacionem recipit temporalibus et spiritualibus ecclesiarum bonis salubriter institutam procuracionem exhibeat visitanti. Cum autem racione visitacionis procuracio debeatur, si quid exigatur vel recipiatur hujusmodi, racione cessante, jam male accepti et indebiti nomen sumit; quod utique intelligendum censetur ubi per prelatos procuracio a subditis exigitur cum visitacionis effectus nullatenus impendatur. Vos tamen premissis cum debita ponderacione non attentis aliquorum imprudencium consilium forsan secuti, ymo verius seducti, visitacionem pretensam in archidiaconatu hujusmodi, omisso penitus visitacionis officio, facientes, cujus possessionem nondum

estis per duos menses, ut novistis, adepti, mox magis lucris 1416.
pecuniariis, ut dicitur, inhiando quam ecclesiarum volendo conservare statum vel salutem querere animarum, non que Jesu Christi sunt querentes sed que vestra, plures ecclesias in uno die et interdum feriato ob honorem Dei introducto, de facto nullo privilegio in hac parte suffulti, visitastis, plures procuraciones a singulis earumdem eciam integre recipiendo et de facto, et interdum ab una et eadem ecclesia duplicem procuracionem, unam in victualibus per excessivas expensas in superflua comitiva et quattuordecim eveccionum numero, et aliam in pecunia, ymo aliquando procuracionem in victualibus a vicario qui ex speciali privilegio sive eciam virtute composicionis realis a cujuscunque procuracionis solucione penitus relevatur indebite, sicut dicitur, recipiendo et de facto ecclesias et subditos prefati reverendi patris in hac parte nimium gravando, contra canonica instituta ; ymo hiis non contenta reverendum patrem et dominum Nicholaum, episcopum supradictum, et nos qui sui vices in ipsius absencia gerimus, licet indigni, notorie absentem ex causa reipublice et sub proteccione sedis apostolice ac curie Cantuariensis per factam et interpositam congrue provocacionem que vos verisimiliter non latebant neque latent, existentem possessione juris sui vel quasi libere exercendi per se vel per alium in quolibet loco non exempto dicti archidiaconatus infra suam diocesim notorie existentis, jurisdiccionem suam quam in cognicione causarum quam in punicione et reformacione excessuum omnium delinquencium in eodem temere spoliare presumpsistis, seu saltem spoliare, impedire et turbare estis comminati, subditos ejusdem reverendi patris infra dictum archidiaconatum degentes in hac parte sibi et suis parere, ac executores testamentorum virorum et mulierum infra dictum archidiaconatum decedencium ne coram dicto reverendo patre aut suo commissario amodo calculum et racionem sue administracionis reddant et dimissionem recipiant, asserentes hoc vobis pertinere, cum non pertineat de facto, monendo et prepropere Fol. 120.
inhibendo, vobismet in causa propria jus dicentes, ut apparet, canone prohibente, quinymo exhibiciones titulorum a quibuscunque beneficiatis infra archidiaconatum predictum coram vobis certis die et loco sub pena privacionis, et quibusdam beneficiatis senibus et valitudinariis pretensos dare coadjutores

1416. et recipere vestra auctoritate, ymo verius temeritate; qualis jurisdiccio omnino, tam de jure scripto quam ex sentenciis doctorum, necnon et consuetudine laudabili, episcopo reservatur, contra juris exigenciam decrevistis, ut dicitur, et de facto episcopalem jurisdiccionem in hac parte indebite usurpando. Nos enim ecclesiarum indempnitati predictorum subditorum quieti providere et animarum periculis obviare quantum cum Deo possumus cupientes ac novitates que plerumque discordia pariunt, et tot excessus non valentes pro Dei timore, offensione justicie et juris, et vestrarum ac plurium animarum periculis, permittere transire sub connivencia incorrectos signanter ne sanguis vester de manibus nostris requiratur, recolentesque quod consuetudinis ususque longevi premissis attemptatis directe contrariancium non sit vilis auctoritas, presencium tenore sub debito obediencie districtius inhibemus ne absque dicti reverendi patris sive nostro consensu immutetis Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis constituciones et consuetudines approbatas, vel novas eciam inducatis et hortamur in visceribus Jesu Christi et sub debito fraterne caritatis quatinus curam archidiaconatus hujusmodi taliter geratis ut quieti cleri et populi consulatur et ecclesie non graventur, necnon quod fama vestri boni regiminis ad Dei laudem utcunque dilatetur, sic quod ex bono opere sentiri valeat quod per vestri assumpcionem ad archidiaconatum hujusmodi magis provideatur archidiaconatui quam persone. Et siquid juris quod vobis hujusmodi archidiaconatus nomine juste pertineat sit detractum indebite vel detentum, id nobis congrua insinuacione pandatis, et juxta juris exigenciam in hac parte conabimur vobis facere justicie complementum. Monemus itaque sub pena mortalis peccati quod procuraciones nullatenus exigatis nisi ab ecclesiis personaliter et debite visitatis, quodque si aliquid aliter contra formam premissorum sit exactum vel receptum, illud infra mensem reddatis cum effectu et sub pena dupli ac suspensionis ab officio et beneficio, per et juxta modum in concilio Lugdunensi et ceteris constitucionibus editis in hac parte clarius expressatum. Moniciones itaque, injuncciones, inhibiciones et decreta per vos, ut premittitur, perperam et prepostre de facto et non de jure factas et facta, prout fiunt, quas et que tanquam a jure communi nimium exorbitantes et exorbitancia, contrarias et contraria revocamus, cassamus et

viribus omnino carere decernimus in hiis scriptis; mandamus 1416.
vobis et in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes sub pena excommunicacionis majoris in vestrum singulos ac interdicti in ecclesiis et locis in quibus moniciones, injuncciones, inhibiciones et decreta hujusmodi pretensa feceritis et publicaveritis, revocare palam, publice et expresse seu sic saltem revocari facere in ecclesiis et locis predictis infra sex dierum spacium diem recepcionis presencium immediate sequencium, quorum sex dierum, duos pro primo, duos pro secundo et reliquos duos dies vobis et vestrum utrique pro tercio et peremptorio termino, ac monicione canonica, assignamus; intimantes quod si premissis non parueritis et ea non adimpleveritis, ut prefertur, excommunicacionis majoris in vestrum utrumque ac interdicti in ecclesias et loca predicta sentencias post lapsum dictorum sex dierum mora et culpa vestris precedentibus et hujusmodi canonica monicione premissa, prout jura et canones in hac parte dictaverint, formidare poteritis non immerito fulminari; tenoreque nichilominus presencium vestrum utrumque peremptorie citamus quatinus vestrum uterque compareat coram nobis in capella Beate Marie Virginis juxta claustrum ecclesie cathedralis predicte die Veneris proximo post festum Sancti Kalixti proxime futurum super usurpacione jurisdiccionis episcopalis et ceteris premissis excessibus personaliter responsuri, necnon causam racionabilem quare premisse excommunicacionis et interdicti sentencie, prout premittitur, fulminari non debeant allegaturi et in forma juris proposituri, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi in premissis et ea concernentibus quod fuerit ad racionis. Hunc autem terminum peremptorium tum propter animarum periculum, ecclesiarum indempnitatem et loci vicinitatem sic duximus moderandum, scientes quod, quantum ad diem recepcionis, presencium latori, nuncio nostro jurato, intendimus firmam fidem. Data Wellie, sub sigillo ad causas dicti reverendi patris apud nos ut ea utamur dimisso primo die mensis Octobris, anno Domini millesimo cccc^mo^ xvj^o^.

652. Oct. 2. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Fol. 120*d*.
Laurence Philpot, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage, of the parish church of Haselbare, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Tykhull; at the presentation of Sir Richard Aldryngton,

1416. canon and prebendary of Haselbare in the cathedral church of Wells, patron in right of the said prebend.

653. As above. There was delivered to the vicar general a writ of the king of summons to a Parliament ordained to be held at Westminster on 19 October. Dated at Sandwich, 3 September, 4 Henry V. Selby.

[*Summons to Parliament*, *Dugdale*, pp. 399, 400.]

Mandate in pursuance of the vicar general to the president of the chapter of Wells, the dean being absent, to cite the dean and chapter to be present, the dean in person and the chapter by one proctor. Dated at Wells under the seal for the bishop's causes, 3 October, 1416.

A like mandate was directed to the prior of Bath, and the archdeacons of Bath, Wells and Taunton, and each of them in the accustomed form.

Fol. 121. 654. Oct. 4. Same place. The vicar general instituted according to the form of the constitutions of the lords Otho and Ottobonus, Sir William Radewill, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Ivelbrewer, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Radewill; at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

655. Inhibicio curie Cantuariensis impetrata contra N. Calton, archidiaconum Tantoniensem se pretendentem.

Johannes Estcourt in legibus bacallarius curie Cantuariensis examinator generalis ac reverendissimi etc. Henrici, Dei gracia Cantuariensis etc. commissarius in hac parte sufficienter et legitime deputatus, discretis viris Magistris Roberto Cloudesham, Johanni Boghe, et Johanni Castell, notariis publicis, Henrico Orlowe, Ricardo Piers, Willelmo Forster, Johanni Davley, Thome Adam et Willelmo Walter, literatis Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, salutem in Auctore salutis. Ex parte reverendi in Christo etc. Nicholai etc. episcopi nobis extitit intimatum quod idem reverendus pater fuit et est episcopatum hujusmodi canonice assecutus ipsumque sic assecutum cum suis juribus etc. per non modica tempora possedit et possidet de presenti, salvis infradicendis, publice et quiete, quodque

omnis et omnimoda jurisdiccio spiritualis et ecclesiastica et 1416.
precipue correccio, reformacio et punicio criminum et excessuum quorumcumque infra diocesim et presertim infra archidiaconatum Tantoniensem in ecclesia Wellensi delinquencium necnon jus administracionis bonorum quorumcumque testatorum infra predictum archidiaconatum decedencium, bona notabilia in diversis diocesibus non habencium, calculum et ratiocinium audiendi, dimissiones executorum eorumdem testatorum et bonorum testamenta sua concernencium faciendi ; ac eciam sessiones de mense in mensem in ecclesiis, capellis et locis, presertim infra decanatum de Crukern, secundum arbitrium et prefixionem officialis et commissariorum dicti reverendi patris, tam de jure communi quam eciam de consuetudine laudabili et antiqua hactenus pacifice et inconcusse usitata et observata legitimeque prescripta ad episcopos Bathonienses et Wellenses prefati domini Nicholai, episcopi moderni, predecessores et precessores eorum temporibus successivis, ac ad ipsum Nicholaum pro tempore suo pertinuit et pertinet ac pertinere debet eciam in futuris ; fueruntque episcopi ipsius Nicholai episcopi moderni precessores et predecessores omnes et singuli eorum temporibus successivis ac idem Nicholaus episcopus pro tempore suo fuit in possessione juris vel quasi juris ac jurisdiccionis predictorum, et precipue crimina et excessus quorumcumque delinquencium hujusmodi infra dictum archidiaconum corrigendi, reformandi et puniendi, ac jurisdiccionem hujusmodi inibi exercendi per se et suos officiales et commissarios, ac sessiones ibidem celebrandi et celebrari faciendi in ecclesiis, capellis et locis, dicti archidiaconatus et presertim infra decanatum de Crukern predicta juxta arbitrium et prefixionem officialis et commissariorum hujusmodi ; necnon administracionem bonorum quorumcumque testatorum predictorum calculum et ratiocinium audiendi, ac dimissiones, ut prefertur, faciendi a x, xx, xxx, xl, l, et lx annis ac ultra et citra, necnon a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit ac ea omnia et singula sic fecerunt et exercuerunt toto tempore supradicto, quodque ex parte prefati Nicholai episcopi supradicti in possessione premissorum existentis, metuentisque ex quibusdam causis probabilibus et verisimilibus conjecturis sibi Fol. 121*d*.
circa premissa vel aliquid premissorum grave posse prejudicium

1416. generari, ne quis in ipsius prejudicium circa premissorum aliquod quicquam attemptare, ad sedem apostolicam et pro tuicione curie Cantuariensis palam et publice legitime extitit provocatum; quidam tamen Nicholaus Calton archidiaconum dicti archidiaconatus Tantoniensis se pretendens, dicta provocacione ceterisque premissis que ipsum verisimiliter non latebant non obstantibus, post et contra ea se premissis et cuilibet premissorum indebite opposuit et opponit, impedivitque et impedit, quominus idem reverendus pater per se et suos officialem et commissarios seu sessiones hujusmodi infra archidiaconatum predictum et presertim infra dictum decanatum de Crukern celebrare et celebrari facere, administracionemque bonorum testatorum hujusmodi calculum et raciocinium audire et dimissiones et alia supradicta facere, ut prefertur, valeat, ut deberet, presertim publice monendo subditos quoscumque dicti reverendi patris infra dictum decanatum commorantes sub penis gravibus et censuris ecclesiasticis officialem et commissarios ejusdem reverendi patris in hac parte nullatenus recipere, nec eis in hoc casu aliqualiter obedire, quinymo calculum et raciocinium administracionis bonorum nonnullorum testatorum infra archidiaconatum predictum decedencium, de facto tantum cum de jure non poterat, audivit et dimissiones concessit et fecit executoribus eorumdem, prefatum reverendum patrem jure et possessione suis premissis nequiter spoliando et de facto spoliavit; prefatusque Nicholaus Calton, archidiaconus hujusmodi pretensus, hiis non contentus sed gravamina gravaminibus accumulans, omnibus et singulis beneficiatis infra archidiaconatum predictum constitutis ad exhibendum titulos beneficiorum suorum coram eo, quorum quidem titulorum omnium et singulorum exhibicionum recepcio, tam de jure communi quam de consuetudine laudabili legitimeque prescripta, ad episcopum Bathoniensem et Wellensem pro tempore existentem solum et insolidum pertinuit et pertinet; necnon senibus et valetudinariis beneficiatis archidiaconatus predicti ad comparendum coram eo ad videndum coadjutores sibi dari, quod eciam solum et insolidum ad prefatum episcopum de jure et consuetudine predictis pertinet, ut prefertur, terminum et terminos prefixit jurisdiccionem ipsius reverendi patris temere usurpando. Sicque et alias idem Nicholaus Calton, archidiaconus pretensus predictus,

prefatum reverendum patrem circa jus et possessionem sua 1416.
premissa multipliciter et indebite molestavit, inquietavit, et perturbavit, molestarique, inquietari et perturbari mandavit et fecit, seu hujusmodi molestacionem, inquietacionem et perturbacionem, opposicionem, impedicionem, audicionem, dimissiones et spoliacionem, ac cetera supradicta nomine suo facta, rata habuit et habet pariter et accepta, tam ex temeritate sua propria quam ad instanciam et procuracionem Thome Twyford, officialis ejusdem archidiaconi se pretendentis, et Johannis Waleys, clerici, subdole et injuste, in ipsius reverendi patris, domini Nicholai episcopi supradicti prejudicium et gravamen. Unde ex parte ejusdem sencientis se ex premissis gravaminibus et corum quolibet indebite pregravari ad sedem apostolicam et pro tuicione curie Cantuariensis legitime extitit appellatum. Quocirca vobis conjunctim et cuilibet vestrum divisim, dicte curie auctoritate committimus et mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus prefatis Nicholao Calton, archidiacono, et Thome Twyford, ipsius offiiciali pretenso predictis, et Johanni Waleys, ceterisque omnibus et singulis quibus jus exigit inhiberi, ejusdem curie auctoritate inhibeatis ne, pendente in eadem curia hujusmodi tuitorii appellatus negocio, quicquam hac occasione in dicte partis appellantis prejudicium attemptent aut faciant aliqualiter attemptari quominus liberam habeat appellacionis sue hujusmodi prosecucionem prout justum fuerit utriusque. Citetis insuper seu citari faciatis peremptorie prefatum Nicholaum Calton, Thomam Twyford et Johannem Waleys predictos quod compareant coram officiali curie Cantuariensis, nobis aut alio dicte curie presidente in ecclesia Beate Marie de Arcubus Londinensi proximo die juridico post commemoracionem animarum proximo futuro in dicto tuitorie appellacionis negocio processuri et procedi visuri, facturique ulterius et recepturi quod justicia suadebit. De diebus vero recepcionis presencium ac citacionis vestre, modoque et forma ejusdem, et si dictos Nicholaum Calton, archidiaconum pretensum, Thomam Twyford, ipsius officialem pretensum, et Johannem Waleys, personaliter citaveritis, necnon
quid feceritis in premissis, prefatum officialem nos aut alium Fol. 122.
dicte curie presidentem, dictis die et loco certificetis per vestras, seu certificet ille vestrum qui presens mandatum receperit exequendum per suas, literas patentes harum seriem continentes

1416. sigillo authentico consignatas. Data Londinie iiii^to^ Non. Octobris, anno domino millesimo cccc^mo^ xvj^to^.

656. Ordinacio pro testamentis per annum duratura.

RICHARD, bishop of LONDON, to bishop NICHOLAS or his vicar general.

July 9. In his palace of London. On the sixth day of this month he received letters (set out) of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, &c, dated in his inn at London, 1 July, 1416, containing an ordinance for one year made by him in the last convocation of the province of Canterbury, in consequence of complaints of the excessive cost of proving wills, to wit, that each person to whom in any places of the province jurisdiction in this behalf is known to pertain shall immediately after a death cause the goods of the deceased to be sequestrated as quickly as he can, and kept in safe custody (moderate funeral expenses only excepted) until the will be produced, so that administration shall not be at once committed but it shall be enjoined on the executors named in the same will that within a brief term to be fixed by the ordinaries or those having such jurisdiction they make an inventory of all the goods of the deceased of which he could dispose by will, and if the inventory be found on careful examination to be a proper one, then and not before administration shall be committed to them on pain of the greater excommunication if they meddle with goods other than those in the inventory. For the admission of the will as well as the passing of accounts and final discharge of the executors they shall in no case demand or receive more than 5*s*. Goods of intestates shall be laid out as speedily as possible for the souls of the said defunct, as is more fully ordained by the common law and the provincial constitutions. [*Wilkins*, vol. iii, pp. 377, 378.]

Fol. 122*d*. By authority of which letters, it is commanded that this ordinance be duly observed in the diocese.

Mandate of the vicar general to the president of the chapter of the cathedral church of Wells to give effect to the ordinance in the cathedral church of Wells as well as in all parish churches of the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter and of all others beneficed in the same church. Dated at Wells,

under the seal of the president of the bishop's consistory, 1416.
15 October.

The like to the abbot of Glastonbury, to give effect to the same throughout his jurisdiction.

The like to the archdeacon of Wells, for execution of the same in his archdeaconry.

The like to Master John Storthwayt, bachelor of both laws, the bishop's commissary general, for execution of the same in the archdeaconries of Bath and Tanton.

657. Denunciacio officialis archidiaconi Tantoniensis.

Decimo sexto die mensis Octobris anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ xvj^o^, dominus Johannes Roland, vicarius generalis, Magistrum Thomam Twyford, rectorem ecclesie parochialis de Luccombe, officialem archidiaconi Tantoniensis se dicentem, propter manifestam offensam pariter et rebellionem in non parendo monicionibus canonicis sibi factis necnon propter contumaciam suam coram eo judicialiter contractam, sedens pro tribunali in capella Beate Virginis juxta claustrum ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis, in scriptis excommunicavit ; et mandavit fieri et scribi literas excommunicacionis contra eum.

658. Revocacio et annullacio attemptatorum per archidiaconum Tantoniensem pretensum. Fol. 123.

Johannes Roland etc. universis et singulis personis ecclesiasticis per archidiaconatum Tantoniensem ubilibet existentibus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Fama publica referente ad nostrum pervenit auditum quod quidam Nicholaus Calton, archidiaconum Tantoniensem se pretendens, in quadam visitacione pretensa in archidiaconatu predicto nuperrime, sicut dicitur, exercita, quasdam novitates inciviles, quales plerumque solent parere discordias, introducere conatus est clerum et populum archidiaconatus predicti ne dicto reverendo patri aut alii ejus nomine in exercicio jurisdiccionis sue pro reformacione et punicione excessuum tam virorum quam mulierum inibi delinquencium in sessionibus publicis dicti reverendi patris auctoritate infra archidiaconatum predictum in ecclesiis et locis juxta arbitrium commissarii sui generalis prout hactenus a diu laudabiliter consuetum est prefigendis amodo non parerent, quin ymo clerum et populum predictum ne coram jamdicto

1416. reverendo patre aut alio ejus nomine pro reddenda racione super administracione bonorum quorumcumque testatorum infra dictum archidiaconatum decedencium aut pro dimissione et acquietancia in hac parte habendis, ut moris est, aliqualiter compareret in futuro, juris ordine non servato nec aliquali cognicione prehabita, de facto et non de jure, temere et nimis precipitanter, monendo publice contra bones mores et laudabiles consuetudines Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis hactenus usitata, affirmans hujusmodi jurisdiccionem sibi pertinere, cum non pertineat ullo jure. Cum igitur servus naturali racione non sit major domino suo, et juris sanccivit auctoritas quod par in parem non habeat imperium aut minor in majorem, quodque archidiaconum Tantoniensem quemcumque juste intitulatum reverendo patri episcopo B. et W. ejusque officiali et ministris ad obedienciam teneri dubium non existat, moniciones hujusmodi, tam innaturaliter quam inique, emanasse manifesti juris est, eas propterea justicia exigente merito revocavimus, cassavimus et annullavimus, revocamus insuper, cassamus et annullamus actualiter in hiis scriptis, decernentes eas viribus omnino carere debere, et ad eorum observacionem neminem teneri neque debere compelli. Vobis, igitur, communiter et divisim in virtute obediencie et sub pena excommunicacionis majoris firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus diebus, horis et locis quibus ad hoc per exhibitorem presencium fueritis requisiti aut vestrum aliquis fuerit requisitus presentem revocacionem faciatis et faciat debite publicari, intimantes quod in personas omnium et singulorum qui premissis pretensis monicionibus archidiaconi pretensi paruerint aut presenti revocacioni nostre contradixerint sive ejus publicacionem quomodolibet impediverint excommunicacionis majoris, et in eorum ecclesias, capellas et monasteria interdicti, sentencias fulminare intendimus prout canonice dictaverint sancciones. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum ad causas dicti reverendi patris apud nos ut eo utamur dimissum premissis apposuimus. Date Wellie xvij° die mensis Octobris, 1416.

Certificatorium inhibicionis curie Cantuariensis suprascripte in tercio folio precedenti.

Reverende discrecionis viro, officiali curie Cantuariensis, Magistro John Estcourt, in legibus bacallario, dicte curie

examinatori generali et commissario in hac parte specialiter 1416.
deputato, seu alii presidenti curie antedicte cuicumque, vester humilis et devotus Thomas Adam, ma[n]datarius infrascriptus, obedienciam et reverenciam debitas cum omni subjeccione et honore. Mandatum infrascriptum sexto die mensis Octobris anno domini infrascripto reverenter recepi in hec verba : Johannes Estcourt etcetera ut supra secundo folio precedenti. Cujus auctoritate mandati vestri reverendi ad locum ubi prefatus Nicholaus Calton, archidiaconum Tantoniensem se pretendens, erat, personaliter accessi, sed seviciam dicti Nicholai et suorum numerum perhorrescens propter corporis cruciatum multociens et publice cuilibet eidem inhibere necnon et eundem citare volenti comminatum justum metum, talem videlicet qui cadere posset in conantem eidem inhibere et personaliter citare eundem, prout demandabatur, non audebam. Prefatosque Magistrum Thomam Twyford, officialem pretensum predictum, ac Johannem Waleys, clericum, ad inhibendum eisdem et citandum eosdem in forma michi demandata diligenter quesivi et ipsos seu eorum alterum, eo quod latitarunt et latitant, latitavitque et latitat, uterque eorumdem citra recepcionem presencium invenire, inhibere et citare non potui, ut mandatur. Et sic mandatum vestrum reverendum, quatenus potui, sum diligentur executus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum decani decanatus de Tauntona, dicte diocesis Bathoniensis et Wellensis, presentibus apponi procuravi. Et ego, decanus predictus, ad specialem et personalem rogatum prefati Thome, mandatarii supradicti, sigillum officii mei presentibus apposui. Date apud Lydiard sancti Laurencii, xxiiij^to^ die mensis Octobris anno domini supradicto.

659. Oct. 27. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Fol. 123*d*.
William Benet, chaplain, in the parish church of Tyntenhulle, vacant by the death of Sir John Stone, last rector ; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Montacute of the Cluniac order.

660. Mandatum pro convocatione cleri.

To RICHARD BRUTON, chancellor of Wells, vicar general, Richard, bishop of London.

October 12. London. Transmits to the VICAR GENERAL,

1416. for execution in his diocese, a mandate of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in his inn at Calais, September 20, received by him on October 11, to summon the convocation of the province of Canterbury to meet at St. Paul's, London, on November 9 and following days.

Fol. 124. Mandate of the vicar general to the archdeacon of Bath to be present as above. Dated at Wells under the seal of the president of the bishop's consistory, October 19.

Certificate of the vicar general to the archbishop that he has received the above mandate on October 18 and will duly obey the same. The names of those summoned are contained in a schedule annexed. Dated under the seal of the bishop's consistory, October 31.

Schedule.

Names of those summoned :—

John, prior of Bath. The chapter of the same.
Master Walter Metford, dean of Wells.
The chapter of the same.
John, abbot of Glastonbury. John, abbot of Muchelnye.
Leonard, abbot of Cleeve. John, abbot of Athelnye.
Thomas, abbot of Keynsham. John, prior of Bruton.
John, prior of Montacute. Thomas, prior of Taunton.
Sir John Ikelyngton, archdeacon of Wells.
Master Roger Harewell, archdeacon of Bath.
The clergy of the diocese.

Fol. 124*d*. 661. Litera donacionis unius portiferii et unius horilogii facte annuellario collegio Wellie.

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, Johannes Storthwayt etc. Nicholai episcopi commissarius et sequestrator generalis, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Noverit universitas vestra quod quia eidem reverendo patri de jure scripto et michi ejus nomine et auctoritate de consuetudine laudabili legitime prescripta et inconcusse observata bonorum administracio ac commissio administracionis bonorum quorumcumque virorum et mulierum ab intestato decedencium infra civitates et diocesim pertinuit indubitanter et pertinet ac pertinere debet in futuris, commisi

auctoritate predicta discreto viro domino Matheo Bremell, 1416.
presbitero, annuellario in ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi, administracionem omnium bonorum que nuper fuerunt domini Petri Lovepitt, presbiteri, annuellarii dum vixit in ecclesia cathedrali predicta ac capellani perpetue cantarie ad altare sancti Edmundi Confessoris in navi ejusdem ecclesie pro anima bone memorie Radulfi Erghum, dudum Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi, fundate et erecte, qui ab intestato decessit, exceptis uno portiferio quod incipit secundo folio textus sui 'Beati qui habitant,' et in quarto folio incipit 'Locutus est Dominus,' et uno horologio cum una parva campana enea, quorum quidem portiferii et horologii cum campana administracionem dumtaxat ex causa infrascripta michi specialiter reservavi. Et dum mente revolvebam quod caritatis subsidia de bonis nature per que divinus cultus promovetur ac piis et sacris locis et ecclesiasticarum personarum in eisdem ministrancium statui et quieti providetur tam vivorum quam defunctorum animabus non modicum prosunt ad salutem ; ad Dei igitur Omnipotentis honorem ac Beatissime Virginis Marie, genetricis ejusdem, Beati Edmundi Confessoris, Omniumque Sanctorum gloriam, dedi, tradidi et concessi societati presbiterorum annuellariorum Nove Aule Wellensis in ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi predicta divina celebrancium predictum portiferium et horologium cum campana, que nuper, ut premittitur, fuerunt de bonis prefati domini Petri, pro remedio et salute anime sue in sustentacionem cultus divini, habenda et tenenda dicta portiferium et horologium cum campana prefatis presbiteris et societati sue ac successoribus eorundem imperpetuum ; ita quod dicti presbiteri et societas eorundem dictum horologium cum campana in quocunque loco magis idoneo infra procinctum Nove Aule predicte pro diurnis pariter et nocturnis horis melius et audibilius ad sui quietem agnoscendis figere et collocare liceat de communi consilio et consensu suo, ibidem in perpetuum remansura. Sed donacioni et tradicioni portiferii supradicti duxi adiciendum quod presbiteri predicti et societas eorundem custodiam ejusdem portiferii capellano dicte cantarie Sancti Edmundi cuicunque pro tempore existenti committent et nudum usum concedent infra triduum a tempore nacte admissionis et possessionis in eadem continue numerandum, recepto primitus

1416. per dictam societatem vel aliquam ejus nomine tam juramento corporali ad sancta Dei evangelia, quam eciam alia cautione competenti a dicto capellano dē qua dicta societas reputet se contentam, quod idem capellanus portiferium predictum salvum et indempne, salvo ejus usu racionabili, conservabit et parvis ligaturis ac coopertorii ejusdem cum oportuerit sustinebit, nec illud ex aliqua causa sub pena perjurii impignorabit vel alienabit, et quod idem capellanus cedens vel decedens illud fideliter et realiter liberabit seu liberari faciet infra triduum a tempore cessionis sive mortis sue societati supradicte ad quam proprietas ejusdem volo et in hiis scriptis declaro indubie pertinere. Ne igitur premissa processu temporis indubium revocentur ipsa ad perpetuum eorum memoriam duxi presentibus literis inferenda quas eidem societate in fidem et testimonium premissorum fieri feci patentes sigillo officii mei communitas; quarum copiam, facta collacione, infra registrum prefati reverendi patris Nicholai, Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi supradicti, procuravi conscribi ibidem per Dei graciam futuris temporibus remansuram. Date Wellie quinto die mensis Novembris, 1416.

662. Nov. 11. Wells. The vicar general granted to John Cockys, acolyte, of the diocese, letters dimissory to all orders.

Fol. 125. 663. Nov. 20. Same place. The vicar general granted to the king's majesty for the taking of the body of one John White of the parish of Benacre, who having been excommunicated by authority of the ordinary for contumacy as well as for rebellion and a manifest offence, with hardened heart has persisted in such excommunication for forty days and more.

664. Nov. 27. Same place. In furtherance of a commission to Master Richard Bruton, vicar general, of Richard, bishop of London, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Goys, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Stokland Gaunt, and John Reede, rector of the parish church of Angre atte Castel, of the diocese of London, the vicar general instituted the latter in the vicarage of Stokland Gaunt, at the presentation of the master and brethren of the house of St. Mark, Billeswyk by Bristol, of the order of St. Augustine, and the said Sir Thomas

to the church of Angre aforesaid, at the presentation of William 1416.
Bourghier, knight, patron of the same, as was clear by the said commission.

665. Dec. 5. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Leyr, priest, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Southestoke, vacant by the death of Sir John Hert; at the presentation of the prior and chapter of Bath.

666. As above. He granted to Robert Barwell *alias* Lepezate, clerk, of the diocese, having the first tonsure, letters dimissory to all orders.

667. Dec. 11. Same place. He instituted Hugh Cottelegh, sub-deacon, as rector of the parish church of Loketon [Lucton *in the margin*], vacant by the resignation of Sir William Benet, priest; at the presentation of William Staunton, esquire, patron for this turn.

668. As above. A licence was granted by the vicar general for Sir Walter de Gregory, chaplain, to have masses celebrated in a low voice by fit chaplains in his presence within the manse of Robert Wellyngton by Taunton; for one year only.

669. Dec. 11. Wells. In furtherance of a commission of Fol. 125*d*.
Thomas, bishop of Worcester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Porter, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Tykenham, and John Schepster, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Wappeley of the diocese of Worcester, the vicar general instituted the latter in the vicarage of Tykenham, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol, and the former in the vicarage of Wappeley.

670. As above. The vicar general instituted Sir Walter Gybbys, priest, in the parish church of Treburgh, at the presentation of Matthew Doune, Robert Gervays, clerks, John Goune, William Newhous and Ralph Chepman, patrons for this turn.

671. As above. He instituted Sir Robert Sprete, priest, in the parish church of Southbradon, vacant by the resignation of

1416. Sir Richard Godyngdon; at the presentation of Nicholas Reed, esquire, patron for this turn.

672. Dec. 12. Same place. He instituted Sir Gregory Ryppe, priest, in the perpetual chantry of Wyke by Langeport, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Cammell, canon of the priory of Staverdale, last chaplain of the same chantry; at the presentation of John Chichele, esquire, patron for this turn.

673. Dec. 16. Same place. In furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Master Thomas Come, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Hewyssh with the chapel of Langport annexed, and Sir William Meye, rector of the parish church of Kelmyngton, the vicar general instituted the first named in the church of Kelmyngton at the presentation of the abbess and convent of Shaftesbury of the order of St. Benedict, and Sir William in the person of John Goderich, his proctor, in the vicarage of Hewyssh with the said chapel, at the presentation
Fol. 126. of Master John Ikelyngton, archdeacon of Wells.

674. Dec. 18. Wells. In furtherance of a commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, dated at London, 3 December, 1416, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Lokhawe, rector of the parish church of Wroxhale, and Nicholas Sturgeon, rector of the parish church of Avenyng of the diocese of Worcester and warden of the free chapel of Alveston, the vicar general instituted the first named, in the person of Martin Halnoofe, literate, of the diocese of Exeter, his proctor, in the church of Avenyng, reserving his induction and canonical obedience to his diocesan, and as warden of the free chapel of Alveston, at the presentation of Thomas Pomeroy, knight, patron for this turn, and Sir Nicholas in the church of Wroxhale at the presentation of John Rodeney, William Beauchamp, Hugh Pyke, and Thomas Norton the younger, son of Thomas Norton of Bristol, patrons for this turn.

675. Dec. 21. Same place, The vicar general instituted Sir John Mybbe, deacon, in the parish church of Burnet, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Tewkesbury.

676. Dec. 22. Same place. He instituted William Keche, clerk, in the parish church of Sokdenys, vacant by the resignation of Sir Walter Muskham, last rector, at the presentation of Sir William Bonevyle, knight. 1416.

677. Dec. 22. Wells. There was delivered to him a writ of the king as follows :—Henricus etc. venerabili in Christo patri N. etc. seu ejus vicario generali, salutem. Cum vos ceterique confratres vestri ac alii prelati et clerus Cantuariensis provincie in ultima convocacione prelatorum et cleri hujusmodi in ecclesia cathedrali sancti Pauli Londoniensi nono die mensis Novembris ultimo preterito incepta et usque ad vicesimum tercium diem ejusdem mensis Decembris de diebus in dies continuata, concesseritis et concesserint nobis duas decimas solvendas ad duos terminos infrascriptos, videlicet unam decimam et dimidiam decimam ad festum Purificacionis Beate Marie Virginis proximo futurum et unam aliam dimidiam dccimam in octabis Pasche proximo futuris, de quibuscumque bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis ejusdem provincie ad decimam taxatis et ad eam solvere consuetis (exceptis bonis et beneficiis pauperum monialium et hospitalariorum beneficiisque et bonis ecclesiasticis in partibus Wallie et alibi per incursus hostiles aut inundaciones aquarum seu aliter destructis vel nimium diminutis, super quibus, licet in scriptis archiepiscopi Cantuariensis certificatoriis nominatim non expressis, stabitur literis ordinariorum proinde ac si singulariter et nominatim existerent expressata ; exceptis insuper bonis et beneficiis collegiorum Beate Marie Wyntoniensis in Oxonia et Beate Marie prope civitatem Wyntoniensem de fundacione episcopi Wyntoniensis existencium ; et excepta ecclesia de Portland Sarisburiensis diocesis, que per hujusmodi incursus hostiles combusta, depredata et nimium extat diminuta); sub hiis condicionibus, videlicet quod solucio integre decima in convocacione cleri ejusdem decimo octavo die mensis Novembris, 1415, in dicta ecclesia Sancti Pauli celebrata et usque ad secundum diem mensis Decembris proximo extunc sequentem de diebus in dies continuata concesse, ad festum sancti Martini in Yeme proximo futurum juxta concessionis ipsius seriem faciende, prorogetur et differatur ab ipso festo sancti Martini ad et in festum Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo Fol. 126a

1416. extunc futurum et quod antea per nos nullatenus exigatur; ac insuper quod nullus a colleccione hujusmodi decimarum per privilegia regia concessa vel concedendo quomodolibet excusetur; et sic quod nullus ordinariorum pretextu alicujus excepcionis per eum nos super valore bonorum seu beneficiorum ipsorum sic per eum facte seu faciende de monasterio aliquo vel beneficio vexetur per brevia regia vel alio quovis modo de certiorando nos super valore bonorum seu beneficiorum ipsorum sic per eundem exceptorum; vobis mandamus quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestre diocesis pro quibus respondere volueritis ad decimas predictas in eadem diocesi vestra juxta formam concessionis predicte levandas et colligendas prout moris est assignari et deputari faciatis; ita quod nobis de dictis decimis ad festa predicta in forma predicta respondentur; thesaurarium et barones de scaccario nostro de nominibus illorum quos ad hoc deputaveritis circa festum Natalis Domini proximo futurum ad ultimum distincte et aperte certificantes; et hoc, sicut nos et honorem nostrum diligitis, nullatenus omittatis. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xxviij die Novembris anno regni nostri quarto. Wymbyssh.

678. Dec. 23. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir John Reynold, priest, in the parish church of Berkeley, vacant by the resignation of Sir Richard Molde, last rector; at the presentation of Isabel relict of Simon Barnabe, lady of Berkeley, patroness for this turn.

Fol. 127. 679. As above. He instituted Sir William Scotte, priest, in the parish church of Egforton, *alias* Fayreoke, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Reynold, last rector; at the presentation of Richard Paveley, esquire.

680. Deputacio collectorum unius decime et dimidie.

The VICAR GENERAL to the abbot and convent of CIRENCESTRE, impropriators of the parish churches of Frome, Welowe and Milborneport.

Pursuant to the king's writ [nº. 673], he commits to them his powers to levy the tenth and half-tenth to be paid at the Exchequer at the Purification next of ecclesiastical goods and benefices in the diocese taxed to the tenth (benefices of the

poor nuns of Canyngton, Barowe and Ilchestre, and of the hospitallers of St. John the Baptist, at Wells, Bristol, Bruggewater and Bath, and of the monastery of Stanley, excepted) and deputes them to be collectors of the same. Dated under the seal of the bishop's causes, at Wells, 2 January, 1416–17. 1417.

Certificate of the vicar general to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer, of the names of the collectors appointed. Dated as above.

681. Jan. 6. Wells. The vicar general granted to Thomas Savage of the diocese, acolyte, letters dimissory to all holy orders.

682. Jan. 4. Wells. He committed to the vicar general of Robert, Bishop of Salisbury, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Fostebery, rector of the parish church Roode, and Simon Membury, rector of the parish church of Longkirchill of the diocese of Salisbury, and subsequently a certificate of the said vicar general Master Geoffrey Crukadan, canon of the cathedral church of Salisbury, was sent to him showing that he had on 11 January, at Salisbury, instituted the said Sir Simon in the church of Roode, at the presentation of the king. He then received from the said Simon in the person of Master John Pedewell, notary public his proctor, the oath of canonical obedience; and a mandate was sent to the archdeacon of Wells for his induction. Fol. 127*d*.

683. Jan. 12. Same place. The vicar general granted to John Hill of the diocese, having the first tonsure, letters dimissory to all orders.

684. Writ of the KING to bishop NICHOLAS or his Vicar General.

Henricus etc. venerabili etc. Cum vos ceterique confratres vestri ac prelati et clerus Cantuariensis provincie in convocacione prelatorum et cleri hujusmodi in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi xviij° die mensis Novembris proximo preterito incepta et usque secundum diem mensis Decembris extunc

1417. sequentem de die in diem continuata concesseritis et concesserint nobis duas decimas [ut supra], prout per inspeccionem rotulorum de scaccario nostro nobis constat, et licet tam collectores prime decime decimarum predictarum in diocesi vestra predicta nobis ante hec tempora in forma predicta concessarum exoneracionem suam pro decimis et medietatibus decimarium bona et beneficia ecclesiastica sic, ut premittitur, excepta contingentibus coram baronibus de Scaccario nostro juxta formam concessionum predictarum prosecuti fuerint et indies prosequantur, iidem tamen barones nostri ad finalem discussionem de eo quod ad nos pertinet de decimis et medietatibus decimarum predictarum prelatos, moniales et hospitalarios, ac bona et beneficia ecclesiastica per guerras seu inundaciones aquarum destituta seu nimium diminuta, contingentibus, debito modo hucusque procedere non potuerunt nec adhuc possunt, pro eo quod rotuli de particulis taxacionis ecclesiarum diocesis vestre predicte penes dictum scaccarium nostrum residentibus per quos collectores predicti coram baronibus nostris computarunt aut alibi in eodem scaccario nostro minime reperitur que ecclesie diocesis vestre predicte monialibus, hospitalariis seu aliis domibus religiosis appropriate existunt, nec que beneficia per guerras seu inundaciones aquarum sunt destructa seu nimium diminuta ; nos tam indempnitati nostre quam collectorum predictorum exoneracioni in hac parte debite prospicere volentes, et quod barones nostri predicti super premissis per vos juxta formam concessionum predictarum certiorentur, vobis mandamus quod, scrutatis registris et aliis evidenciis penes vos residentibus premissa concernentibus, eosdem barones tam de omnibus hujusmodi ecclesiis infra diocesim vestram predictam domibus religiosis appropriatis, et quas ecclesias moniales, hospitalarii ac alii viri religiosi separatim in propriis usibus tenent et a quo tempore tenuerunt, et si alique vicarie in ecclesiis predictis a tempore appropriacionum earumdem ecclesiarum fundate seu dotate extiterunt et ad quas summas dicti moniales, hospitalarii, domus religiose et alii ad integram decimam pro porcionibus suis de dictis parochialibus ecclesiis nobis et progenitoribus nostris ante hec tempora concessam solvere de jure debuerunt
Fol. 128. sive consueverunt, quam de bonis et beneficiis per guerras aut

inundaciones aquarum aut aliter destructis seu nimium 1417.
diminutis, et a quo tempore destructa et diminuta extiterunt, et in quibus archidiaconatibus et decanatibus dicte ecclesie sic appropriate ac vicarie in eisdem ecclesiis fundate seu dotate ac hujusmodi bona et beneficia, ut premittitur, destructa et diminuta existunt, a die sancti Hillarii in xv dies distincte et aperte certificetis, remittentes ibi tunc hoc breve. Teste W. Lasyngby, apud Westmonasterium xvj° die Octobris anno regni nostri quarto.

Per concessionem predictam et per barones. Thresk.

Honorabilibus et circumspectis viris baronibus de Scaccario domini nostri regis, Johannes Roland, canonicus etc., salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Breve regium presentibus annexum nos nuper noveritis recepisse, post cujus quidem recepcionem scrutari fecimus diligenter registra et alias evidencias dicti reverendi patris penes nos residentes materiam dicti brevis concernentes et in eisdem invenimus prout sequitur contineri. Quod porcio ecclesie parochialis de Backewell in archidiaconatu Bathoniensi infra decanatum de Redeclyf appropriatur hospitali Sancti Johannis Baptiste Bristollensi et taxatur ad c*s*. In qua quidem porcione est quedam exilis vicaria dotata, non taxata nec ad decimam solvere consueta.

Item quod ecclesia de Poulet in archidiaconatu Wellensi infra decanatum de Poulet taxatur ad x*l*. que appropriatur hospitali Sancti Marci de Bylleswyk, alias Gauntes, Bristollensi: in qua quidem ecclesia est quedam vicaria dotata, non taxata nec ad decimam solvere consueta. Et temporalia dicti hospitalis ibidem taxantur ad ix*l*.

Item quod ecclesia de Stokeland in archidiaconatu Tantoniensi et infra decanatum de Bruggewater appropriatur hospitali Sancti Marci predicti et taxatur ad vj*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*., et est vicaria exilis dotata in eadem, non taxata, nec ad decimam solvere consuevit. Et temporalia dicti hospitalis ibidem taxantur ad xij*l*.

Item quod ecclesia de Stowey Superiori in eisdem archidiaconatu et decanatu appropriatur hospitali Sancti Marci predicti et taxatur ad viij*l*. xiij*s*. iiij*d*. et est quedam vicaria exilis in eadem dotata, que non taxatur nec ad decimam solvere consuevit.

1417. Item quod ecclesia parochialis de Bruggewater in archidiaconatu Tantoniensi infra decanatum de Bruggewater non taxatur nec ad decimam solvere consueta. In ea tamen est vicaria dotata, que quidem vicaria taxatur ad cvj*s.* viij*d.*

Item quod ecclesia parochialis de Wemedon infra dictos archidiaconatum et decanatum, in qua est vicaria dotata, set nec ecclesia de Wemedon nec vicaria in eadem taxatur nec ad decimam solvere consuevit.

Ecclesia parochialis de Islbrewer in eodem archidiaconatu infra decanatum de Crukern in qua est vicaria dotata; set nec ecclesia ibidem neque vicaria in eadem taxatur, nec ad decimam solvere consuevit.

Ecclesia de Northover in archidiaconatu Wellensi infra decanatum de Ilchestre, in qua est vicaria dotata; set nec ecclesia ibidem nec vicaria in eadem taxatur nec ad decimam solvere consuevit.

appropriantur hospitali Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Bruggewater.

Item quod ecclesia de Evercrych in archidiaconatu Wellensi infra decanatum de Cary non taxatur, nec ad decimam solvere consuevit, in ea tamen est vicaria dotata que taxatur ad vj*l.* et appropriatur hospitali Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Wellensi.

Item quod ecclesia Sancti Michaelis juxta Balneum civitatis Bathonie in archidiaconatu Bathoniensi infra decanatum ibidem non taxatur nec ad decimam solvere consuevit; in qua non est vicaria dotata. Et appropriatur hospitali Sancti Johannis Baptiste Bathoniensi.

Item quod abbas et conventus de Stanley, Sarisburiensis diocesis, habent temporalia infra diocesim Bathoniensem et Wellensem, videlicet in Pyggeswyll in archidiaconatu Wellensi infra decanatum de Frome, taxata ad x*s.* Item in Bokland temporalia taxata ad ij*s.* iij*d.*

Iidem abbas et conventus habent temporalia in Eston juxta Woky in archidiaconatu Wellensi infra decanatum de Axbrugge, taxata ad lx*s.* Iidem abbas et conventus habent temporalia

in archidiaconatu Bathoniensi infra decanatum de Redeclyff, 1417.
taxata ad xlv*s*.

Ecclesia de Canyngton in archidiaconatu Tantoniensi infra decanatum de Bruggewater appropriatur priorisse et monialibus de Canyngton ; non taxatur, nec ad decimam solvere consuevit. In qua est vicaria dotata que non taxatur. Infra cujus quidem ecclesie parochiam dudum erat quoddam manerium una cum certis tenementis in Pedycham earumdem priorisse et monialium, quod quidem manerium una cum tenementis predictis est per Fol. 128*d*.
inundaciones maris destructum.

Ecclesia de Barowe in archidiaconatu Bathoniensi infra decanatum de Redeclyff appropriatur priorisse et monialibus de Barowe, non taxatur nec ad decimam solvere consuevit nec est in ea vicaria dotata. Eedem priorissa et moniales habent quandam pensionem annuam xxvj*s*. viij*d*. in ecclesia parochiali de Twyverton in dicto archidiaconatu infra decanatum Bathoniensem.

Ecclesia Beate Marie Minoris de Ilchestre, valde exilis, infra archidiaconatum Wellensem in decanatu ibidem appropriatur priorisse et sororibus de Ilchestre ; non taxatur nec ad decimam solvere consuevit. In ea non est propter nimiam exilitatem vicaria dotata. Sed a quo tempore religiosi viri hospitalarii et moniales predicti dictas ecclesias eis appropriatas, ut premittitur, habuerunt et tenuerunt, in predictis registris et evidenciis ejusdem reverendi patris penes nos residentibus, diligenter inspectis et scrutatis, non potuimus reperire. Et alia quam hec premissa que nos reperire possumus non sunt infra diocesim Bathoniensem et Wellensem bona vel beneficia ecclesiastica monialibus, hospitalariis aut aliis religiosis viris appropriata aut per guerras vel inundaciones aquarum destructa seu diminuta solucione decimarum per loci ordinarium excepta de quibus certiorari mandatur auctoritate brevis regii supradicti. Que omnia et singula vestris reverenciis tenore presencium intimamus. Date Wellie sub sigillo ad causas dicti reverendi patris Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi apud nos ut eo utamur dimisso xv^mo^ die mensis Januarii anno domini millesimo cccc^mo^ xvj^mo^ regni vero domini nostri regis predicti quartó.

685. Constitucio provincialis pro observacione festorum Deposicionis et Translacionis Sancti Johannis de Beverlaco.

1417. Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells, vicar general of Richard, bishop of London, to the vicar general of Nicholas, bishop of Bath and Wells.

Literas reverendissimi etc. Henrici, Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi infrascriptas, ultimo die mensis Decembris proximo preterito reverenter recepimus in hec verba: Henricus etc. dilecto filio venerabilis fratris nostri R. Dei gracia Londoniensis [episcopi], ipso in remotis agente, vicario in spiritualibus generali, salutem etc. Anglicane ecclesie, cujus laudes et preconia in Dei et sanctorum suorum devota veneracione pre ceterarum regionum et provinciarum ecclesiis orbis attollit universus, sacra promeretur honestas, ut ipsorum laudibus eadem ecclesia magis exuberet, jucundaque devocione gaudencius exultet, quorum patrocinio et miraculorum gracia se reflorere letatur; ac quorum piis intercessionibus, nedum ipsius ecclesie set et tocius regni respublica, cum pacis et quietis interiori dulcedine, hostiumque ipsam exterius impugnancium optata victoria, per justos rectores strenue defensatur; hujusmodi siquidem opitulationis graciam, etsi Deus eidem ecclesie sue ipsiusque regni Anglie incolis per diversorum sanctorum merita, quibus undique gloriosa refulget sepius ostendere decreverit; ipsos tamen novissimis hiis diebus almifici confessoris et pontificis sui beatissimi Johannis de Beverlaco, ut veraciter confidimus, suffragio speciali, ecclesiam predictam, una cum prefatis regni proceribus, incolis et membris universis miraculosius dignatus est, et evidenter specialius consolari. Ea nempe consolacio ineffabilis nostris presertim temporibus, omnique evo jucunda ac semper memorie reverenda christianissimi videlicet principis nostri Henrici, regis Anglie quinti, et sui exercitus in bello de Agyncourt nuper in partibus Picardie commisso, graciosa victoria, que in festo Translacionis dicti sancti ad laudem divini nominis et regni Anglie honorem, ex immensa Dei misericordia Anglicis est concessa; in quo siquidem Translacionis festo, dum inter nostrates et Gallicos conflictus, de quo premittitur, haberetur, sicut ad nostrum et confratrum nostrorum auditum, in ultima convocacione nostra quamplurium et presertim incolarum dicte patrie deduxerat vera fama, de ipsius tumba sacrum stillantibus guttis admodum sudoris emanavit oleum, divine miseracionis erga plebem suam,

non dubium prefati sanctissimi viri meritis ostensivum. Volentes 1417.
igitur in nostra provincia Divini cultus augmentum et specialiter ad tanti patroni celebriorem laudis extollenciam dilatare, de fratrum nostrorum, et cleri in eadem convocacione presencium voluntatibus, consilio et assensu et nichilominus ad dicti christianissimi principis nostri instanciam specialem, memorati confessoris sanctissimi memoriam, ubique per nostram provinciam predictam votivis et devotis affectibus duximus exaltandam; statuentes et de predictorum fratrum nostrorum Fol. 129.
ac cleri consilio et assensu, pro futuris perpetuis temporibus ordinantes, quod festum deposicionis dicti Sancti, quod septimo die Maii, videlicet in crastino sancti Johannis ante portam latinam, contingere dinoscitur, ad modum festi unius confessoris et pontificis Paschalis temporis, cum regimine chori, secundum usum Sarisburiensis ecclesie per provinciam nostram predictam futuris temporibus perpetuo celebretur. Ceterum, quia in festo Translacionis ejusdem, quod vicesimo quinto die mensis Octobris eciam contingit annuatim, de sanctis Crispino et Crispiniano secundum usum Sarisburiensis ecclesie consuevit quasi per omnes ecclesias provincie nostre predicte celebrari, et servicium fieri ab antiquo; ne unius festi introduccio alterius diminucio existat, sed magis sub una celebritatis leticia dicti martires, quorum eciam die et meritis tante visitacionis gracia gentem Anglicanam Dominus ex alto prospicere decreverat, una cum prefato confessore almifico pariter honorentur, de fratrum nostrorum et cleri predictorum consensu unanimi statuimus, decernimus, et ordinamus, quod de cetero singulis annis dictus dies vicesimus quintus mensis Octobris, ob tam notabilis rei exitus memoriam, ubique per provinciam predictam cum novem leccionibus celebris habeatur; quarum tres prime erunt de proprietate sanctorum Crispini et Crispiniani, tres medie de translacione sancti Johannis predicti, et tres ultime de exposicione evangelii plurimorum martirum, cum servicio secundum usum Sarisburiensem in talibus fieri consueto. Volumus ergo et vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatinus statutum et ordinacionem nostra predicta per civitatem et diocesim Londiniensem debite publicantes festa predicta per easdem sub forma predicta faciatis annuatim de cetero celebrari; mandantes omnibus et singulis confratribus et suffraganeis

1417. nostris, quibus et nos tenore presencium sic mandamus, quod et ipsi eadem festa modo premisso celebrent et per suas civitates et dioceses de cetero eciam consimiliter faciant celebrari. Et quid feceritis in premissis, nos citra festum Purificacionis Beate Marie Virginis proximo futurum certificare curetis per literas vestras patentes, harum tenorem habentes, sigillo officii vestri consignatas. Data in manerio nostro de Otteford xvj^mo^ die mensis Decembris, 1416, et nostre translacionis anno tercio. Quarum auctoritate literarum vobis tenore presencium firmiter injugendo mandamus quatinus statutum et ordinacionem predicta per civitates et diocesim Bathonienses et Wellenses debite publicantes festa predicta modo premisso celebretis. Data Londonii sub sigillo quo utimur in officio nostro viij^o^ die mensis Januarii anno Domini supradicto.

[*Wilkins*, vol. 3, pp. 379, 380.]

Execucio constitucionis predicte.

Jan. 16. A mandate went out to the president of the chapter of Wells to publish the above constitution in the church and city of Wells ; and to cause it to be observed.

Another mandate as above went out to the prior and chapter of Bath for the execution and observance of the same in the cathedral church of Bath.

Another went out to the abbot of Glastonbury, to do the like for the conventual church and his whole jurisdiction there.

Another went out to the archdeacon of Wells, for his archdeaconry.

Another went out to Master John Storthwayt, bachelor of both laws, the bishop's commissary general, for the archdeaconries of Bath and Tannton.

Fol. 129*d*. 686. Jan. 24. Wells. The vicar general granted licence for one year for Thomas Trew, esquire, and his wife to have masses celebrated in a low voice by any fit chaplain in suitable chapels or oratories within the manors of Pleynesfeld and Vexford, in the presence of them and their household ; without prejudice to the parish churches there.

687. Feb. 1. Same place. The vicar general, by authority of the king's writ of which the tenour is inserted above, where it is written of the things set forward on 22 December last,

deputed the abbot and convent of Keynesham to be collectors 1417.
of the half tenth granted to the king, as is more fully contained in the writ, to be paid at the Exchequer on the octave of Easter next.

Also on the same day and at the same place, there went out a certificate to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer of the appointment.

688. Feb. 2. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of Henry, bishop of Winchester, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Strode, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Asshull, and William Flemyng, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Schirborne St. John of the diocese of Winchester, the vicar general instituted the said Sir William, chaplain, in the church of Asshull at the presentation of Master Richard Bruton, canon of Wells and prebendary of the prebend of Asshull aforesaid in the same, patron of the vicarage for this turn; and Sir John in the church of Schirborne aforesaid at the presentation of Master Adam Usk, patron for this turn, reserving his induction and canonical obedience to his diocesan.

689. Feb. 15. Same place. In furtherance of a like commission for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Langthorn, rector of the parish church of Samford Oreskoys, and John Ifford, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Kyngyssombourn of the diocese of Winchester, the vicar general instituted the latter in the church of Samford aforesaid, at the presentation of John Jerard, esquire, patron for this turn; and Sir John Langthorn in the church of Kyngyssombourn, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Motisfount.

690. Feb. 26. Same place. He instituted Master John Sudbury, clerk, in the person of Sir Robert Burgh, perpetual vicar in the choir of the cathedral church of Wells, his proctor, in the parish church of Heighehamme, vacant by the resignation of Master Richard Bruton, last rector; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

691. Commission of the vicar general to the dean of Fol. 130.
Ivelcestre and Sirs Robert Toth, rector of the parish church of

1417. St. Mary the Great, Ivelcestre, and Richard Bakewell, rector of the parish church of Cherlton Makerell, to be his proctors and attorneys to demand and receive, by power and authority of the bishop and the vicar general, according to the liberties of the church, before all justices, bailiffs and others deputed for the delivery of imprisoned persons within the cities of Bath and Wells and the diocese, any clerks charged with crimes, and bring them to the bishop's prison ; with mandate to the keepers of that prison to admit those presented by them. Dated at Wells, under the seal for the bishop's causes, March 4, 1416–17.

692. Feb. 28. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir John Stoone, chaplain, in the parish church of Monketon, vacant by the resignation of Sir Thomas Madyngle, last rector ; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

693. March 6. Yevele. The vicar general granted to William Hasilgrove and William Sampford of the diocese, sub-deacons, letters dimissory to the holy orders of the diaconate and priesthood.

694. March 6. Taunton. In furtherance of a commission of Edmund, bishop of Exeter, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs John Loueton, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Dulverton, and John Hoper, rector of the parish church of Bykelegh of the diocese of Exeter, the vicar general instituted the first named in the parish church of Bykelegh, at the presentation of Nicholas Pontyngdon, and John Hoper, chaplain, in the church of Dulverton, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Taunton.

695. March 22. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Bull, chaplain, in the parish church of Roubergh, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Berton, *alias* Yakesle ; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol.

696. As above. The vicar general granted to Walter Umfray of the diocese, sub-deacon, letters dimissory to the holy order of the diaconate, and to John Lane, sub-deacon, rector of

the parish church of St. Mary within the north gate of the city of Bath, to all orders. 1417.

697. March 24. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir William Comb, chaplain, in the parish church of Wythecomb, vacant by the death of Sir William Wilyot, last rector; at the presentation of William Palton, knight, patron for this turn, as has been found by inquisition taken by Master John Storthwayt, bachelor of both laws, commissary deputed in this behalf. Fol. 130*d.*

698. As above. The vicar general granted letters dimissory for William Bynham of the diocese, sub-deacon, to all orders, for Thomas Bonde of the same diocese, deacon, to the holy order of the priesthood; also for brother Thomas Felip, sub-deacon, and Walter Baker, acolyte, brothers of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Wells, to all holy orders.

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699. April 6. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir John Pertrich, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Wyghtlakyngton, vacant by the death of Sir John Strete; at the presentation of Master Simon Gaunstede, canon and prebendary of Wyghtlakyngton aforesaid in the church of Wells.

700. A commission of Thomas, bishop of Worcester, to bishop Nicholas, or his vicar general, for an exchange of benefices between Sir Walter Shyryngton, canon and prebendary of Combe tercia in the church of Wells, and rector of the parish church of Harlaxton of the diocese of Lincoln, and Sir Thomas Pellican, canon and prebendary of the prebend of Godrynghill, *alias* Wodeford or Trykhill, in the collegiate church of Westbury, of his collation and diocese. Dated in his manor of Hillyngdon, 8 April, 1417, the tenth year of his translation. Fol. 131.

May 14. Wells. The vicar general, pursuant to the above, collated to the said Walter the canonry and prebend of Goderinghull, of the collation of the bishop of Worcester; and the said Sir Thomas Pellican has been instituted in the said church of Harlaxton, at the presentation of Master John Southam, canon and prebendary of Grantham Australis in the church of Salisbury, in the person of John Boton, clerk, his

1417. proctor; and Sir Th. Schelford &c. commissary &c. has collated the canonry and prebend of Combe tercia, to him in the person of his proctor aforesaid.

701. May 16. Wells. The vicar general committed the business of an exchange of benefices proposed between Sir Ralph Lambedon, rector or minister of the parochial church or ministry of Culve, and John Salford, rector of the parish church of Lokynge, of the diocese of Salisbury, to the vicar general of Robert, bishop of Salisbury; and receiving a certificate of Master Geoffrey Crukadan, canon of Salisbury, such vicar general, that at Salisbury, on 24 May, he has instituted the last named in the parish church or ministry of Culve at the presentation of Humphrey Stafford, knight, on 13 June, received of him the oath of canonical obedience sworn on the soul of the same by one Richard Joderych, literate, his proctor for this, issued a mandate for his induction.

702. May 18. The vicar general instituted Sir John Blacch, priest, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Lydyeard Episcopi, vacant by the resignation of Sir Richard Forst; at the presentation of Master Richard Bruton, canon of Wells and farmer of the perpetual farm of the said church.

Fol. 131*d*. 703. May 18. Wells. He instituted Sir Reynold Smyth, chaplain, in the parish church of Skylgate, vacant by the death of Sir William Milward, last rector; at the presentation of Isabel Barnabe, patroness for this turn.

704. Richard Bruton, etc. vicar general of Richard, bishop of London, to the vicar general of bishop Nicholas.

May 15. London. Transmitting the tenour of letters of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury &c dated in his inn at Reading, 8 May, received by him on 14 May, setting forth that, whereas by inspection of his register it appears that at three several times he has commanded the clergy and laity of the province to pour forth prayers for the unity of the church, for the prosperity of the king and realm and for fine weather, with processions and litanies, it is intimated to him that in the case of very many, clergy and laity alike, this mandate is rather withdrawn than observed; and commanding him to give

commandment to all the archbishop's suffragans to attend more devoutly to such processions, litanies, and prayers, and to have these observed throughout the city and diocese of London. And that his more than wonted diligence in this may be plain to the archbishop, he is commanded, on pain of contempt, to certify him by Whitsunday next of the execution of the other letters upon the premises and of these letters by his letters patent containing the tenour of these as well as of the other letters of the archbishop. By authority of which letters the vicar general commands that more devout observance of the processions litanies and prayers be made throughout the diocese of Bath and Wells. 1417.

705. May 20, Wells. The vicar general granted to William Keche, rector of the church of Sok Denys of the diocese, acolyte, letters dimissory to all holy orders.

As above. He granted to the said William a dispensation for one year, that while occupied in general study &c. he shall not be bound to be advanced to orders other than to the order of the sub-diaconate; according to the form of the constitution *Cum ex eo.*

706. May 28. Wells. The vicar general granted letters dimissory to Nicholas Abel, acolyte, to the holy order of the diaconate; to John Everard, William Michell, John Brydde and Thomas Frye, subdeacons, to the holy order of the diaconate, and to Walter Umfray, deacon, to the holy order of the priesthood. Fol. 132.

707. June 3. Same place. He granted to Thomas Bouryng, subdeacon, letters dimissory to the holy order of the priesthood.

708. July 9. Wells. Collation by Thomas Shelford, canon of Wells, the bishop's commissary, to Master John Storthwayt, bachelor of both laws, of the canonry and prebend of Combe nona in the cathedral church, vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Madyngle, and pertaining in full right to the bishop. In witness of which, he has procured the seal for the bishop's causes left with Sir John Roland, the bishop's vicar general, for use in the latter's office, to be set to these presents. Letters of the said

1417. commissary to the president of the chapter for the induction and installation of the said Master John Storthwayt.

Fol. 132*d*. 709. A public instrument shewing that on 22 July, 1417, in the dwelling-house of Master Geoffrey Crukadan, canon of Salisbury, in the close of the canons of Salisbury, in the presence of a notary public and witnesses, named below, Master Henry Harbourgh, canon and prebendary of Codeworth in the cathedral church of Wells made and put in a resignation of such canonry and prebend, written in a parchment schedule which he then held in his hands, into the hands of bishop Nicholas in a tenour of words contained in such instrument: there being present Masters Geoffrey Crukadan and John Hurlegh, canons of Salisbury, John Wilton, notary public of the diocese of Salisbury; and John Draper, clerk, of the diocese of Salisbury, notary public by apostolic authority who reduced the premises into this public form, with his own hand and attested them with his sign and name, as required.

On July 24 in the cloister of the cathedral church of Wells, the said resignation was admitted by Sir T. Schelford, the bishop's commissary, and he then and there collated the said canonry and prebend, in the bishop's collation, to one Humphrey Radeley, clerk, whom in the person of Sir Thomas Radeley, priest, his proctor, he invested in the same.

710. July 30. Same place. The vicar general instituted Sir John Perys, chaplain, in the parish church of Oke, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Battyn, last rector; at the presentation of John Luterell, esquire.

711. Aug. 16. Puryton. He instituted Sir John Blanchard, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Wemedon, vacant by the death of Sir Robert Hulle; at the presentation of the master and brethren of the hospital of St. John the Baptist, Bruggewater.

712. Aug. 25. Wells. He instituted Sir William Clyve, priest, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Canyngton, vacant by the death of Sir William Baron; at the
Fol. 133. presentation of the prioress and convent of Canyngton.

713. Sept. 6. Same place. He granted to Thomas Bouryng, 1417.
William Michell, and John Baarde, of the diocese, deacons, letters dimissory to the holy order of the priesthood.

714. Sept. 13. Same place. Also to John Swelle, acolyte, of the diocese, on a title of his patrimony, Walter Sutte of the said diocese, and Richard Pyryman, monk of Athelnye, acolyte, to the order of the sub-diaconate; as well as to William Borde, canon of Keynesham, deacon, to the order of the priesthood; and to Nicholas Abel, of the diocese, subdeacon, to the order of the diaconate.

715. Sept. 22. Same place. The vicar general granted to Thomas Trewe, donzel, licence to have masses celebrated in a low voice in the presence of himself and his wife and domestic servants in decent oratories within his manors of Pleynesfeld and Vexford; for one year only.

716. Breve regium de transmittendo processum habitum super purgacione quarumdam personarum alias super lollardia indictatarum.

Henricus etc., venerabili etc. N. episcopo etc. seu ejus vicario generali in spiritualibus ibidem, salutem. Quia Christina More de Bristollo, Jordanus Corneset de eadem, Johannes Ruell de eadem, Johannes Jordan, 'souter,' de eadem, Johannes Colchestre, 'barbur,' de eadem, James Mostardmaker de eadem, Edmundus Broun de eadem, Robertus Wykeham, 'dyer,' de eadem et Robertus Harryes, 'webber,' de eadem, nuper per diversas inquisiciones coram certis commissionariis nostris de mandato nostro apud Bristollum nuper captas et coram nobis postmodum missas de diversis erroribus et lollardiis contra fidem Dei et sacrosancte ecclesie determinacionem per ipsos, ut dicitur, ibidem nuper tentis, doctis et affirmatis, indictati existant, unde, ut ex eorum parte accepimus quod ipsi postmodum coram vobis et commissariis vestris juxta forum ecclesiasticum et canonicas sancciones legitime se purgaverint: Nos, ut consultius ad eorum deliberacionem in hac parte procedere valeamus per vos plenius certiorari volentes, mandamus quod quid de purgacione predicta coram commissariis vestris de ipsis vel eorum aliquo actum fuerit nos, una cum

1417. causa et modo inde sub sigillo vestro distincte et aperte a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in Anglia reddatis certiores, hoc breve nobis remittentes. Teste W. Hankeford apud Westmonasterium xviij die Junii, anno regni nostri quinto. Couele.

Certificatorium sive returnum brevis predicti.

Invictissimo in Christo principi ac domino nostro domino Henrico etc., Johannes Roland, etc. cum sui recommendacione felicitatis ubertatem in eo per quem reges regnant et principes dominantur. Breve vestrum presentibus consutum nuper recepimus, prout decuit, reverenter. Cujus quidem brevis auctoritate et vigore, scrutatis registris dicti reverendi patris necnon actis, actitationibus et processibus habitis et factis coram eodem reverendo patre ac Magistris Johanne Welles, decretorum doctore, officiali suo principali, et Johanne Storthwayt, utriusque juris bacallario, presidenti consistorii episcopalis Wellensis et ejusdem reverendi patris commissario generali, commissariis prefati reverendi patris conjunctim et divisim in hac parte sufficienter et legitime constitutis, super diversis erroribus et sectis et opinionibus contra fidem catholicam et sacrosancte ecclesie determinacionem in lollardiam sonantibus, per Edmundum Broun, Jacobum Mostardemaker, Robertum Wykham, Robertum Harryes, Johannem Ruell, Johannem Jordan, 'souter,' et Johannem Colchestre, 'barbour,' de Bristollo, sicut dicebatur, nuper tentis et affirmatis super quibus prefati erant nuper in villa Bristollensi ac villis et locis ibidem vicinis publice diffamati ac alias coram certis commissariis vestris apud Bristollum indictati, prout subsequitur, invenimus contineri; videlicet quod dicti et eorum singuli sunt lollardi in villa Bristollensi commorantes et lollardi vulgariter nuncupati ac cogniti, ac lollardia et secta lollardorum per longum tempus ibidem usi fuerunt et indies
Fol. 133*d*. utuntur, quodque prefatus Johannes Souter per nomen Jordani Corveser de Bristollo indictatus fuit coram commissariis predictis de eo quod ipse est communis lollardus in villa predicta existens ac receptor et manutentor lollardorum ibidem commorancium et lollardus vulgariter nuncupatus et cognitus ac lollardia et secta lollardorum per longum tempus usus fuit et indies utitur, ipsique ea occasione et non alia in prisona domini regis ville predicte detenti existebant, prefatique Edmundus Broun, Robertus

Wykham, Jacobus Mostardemaker et Robertus Harryes, virtute 1417.
cujusdam brevis regii maiori et vicecomitibus ville Bristollensis directi et penes eosdem maiorem et vicecomites remanentis, liberati fuerunt apud Bristollum in vigilia apostolorum Petri et Pauli, anno regni regis Henrici quinti post conquestum secundo, Magistris Johanni Welles et Johanni Storthwayt, commissariis dicti reverendi patris supradicti, ac Magistro Johanni Scherford, in legibus bacallario, canonico Wellensi, college suo, eis ad istum actum per dictum reverendum patrem adjuncto, ad subeundum processum juris canonici juxta juris exigenciam in materia lollardie usque ad finalem pronunciacionem in eadem inclusive ; in qua quidem vigilia, dicti commissarii, in ecclesia Sancti Thome Martiris Bristollensi pro tribunali sedentes, dictis Edmundo, Roberto, Jacobo et Roberto, quintum diem mensis Julii, anno Domini 1414, extunc proximo sequentem, prefixerunt ad comparendos personaliter coram dicto reverendo patre Nicholao, Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo, in ecclesia parochiali de Banewell, cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequencium et locorum super materia lollardie et ceteris articulis fidem catholicam et determinacionem sacrosancte ecclesie concernentibus eis et eorum cuilibet adtunc seriosius in vulgari exponendis personaliter et singillatim responsuros et juri per omnia in hac parte parituros. Adveniente vero dicto quinto die Julii comparuerunt personaliter prefati Edmundus, Robertus, Jacobus et Robertus, coram dicto reverendo patre in ecclesia parochiali de Banewell predicta pro tribunali sedente, presentibus ibidem venerabilibus viris Magistris Henrico Abyndon et Johanne Orum, sacre theologie, Johanne Welles, decretorum doctoribus, Willelmo Penbugle, sacre theologie bacallario, Johanne Scherford predicto, Johanne Reynold, notario publico, ac pluribus aliis in multitudine copiosa ; et prestito tunc ibidem per eorum quemlibet ad sancta Dei evangelia juramento corporali de veritate dicenda ad omnia interroganda, tunc ibidem ac in tota causa sive negocio lollardie, prefatus reverendus pater tunc ibidem primo Edmundum Broun predictum super xiiij^{cim} articulis fidei, decem preceptis decalogi, septem sacramentis ecclesie, septem operibus misericordie, septem virtutibus cardinalibus sibi in vulgari declaratis examinando interrogavit qualiter sentiit in et de eis et quolibet eorundem : prefatus itaque Edmundus

1417. respondit et constanter dixit se sentire bene et catholice in singulis eorundem nec usquam contrarium sentiisse seu tenuisse vel velle tenere in futurum, et interrogatus ac examinatus idem Edmundus de septem mortalibus peccatis dixit et respondit ea fore et debere incuntanter tam ab eo quam a quolibet christiano vitanda: factaque exinde examinacione singulari tunc ibidem per eundem reverendum patrem prefati Jacobi Mustardmaker, Roberti Wykham et Roberti Harryes, de et super omnibus et singulis premissis modo et forma consimili, prout dictus Edmundus fuit, ut premittitur, interrogatus et examinatus, dictisque singillatim suis congruis et catholicis responsionibus in singulis premissorum, demum reverendus pater Nicholaus episcopus supradictus, ex officio suo, objecit eis et eorum cuilibet, tam in genere quam in specie, et interrogavit eosdem singulariter, virtute juramenti per eorum quemlibet, ut premittitur, prestiti, utrum ipsi vel eorum aliquis unquam fuerunt lollardi usive fuerunt secta lollardorum vel aliquos libros lollardorum quovis modo legerunt vel legi audierunt aut habuerunt, vel utentibus hujusmodi libris, legentibus, aut audientibus, concilium, auxilium, consensum vel favorem unquam scienter prestiterunt seu prestitit aliquis eorundem aut hujusmodi opiniones aliqualiter tenuerunt vel tenuit eorum aliquis publice vel occulte, et utrum articuli super quibus indictati fuerunt erant veri vel non, ac utrum fama, que laboravit in villa Bristollensi ac per viciniam, quod ipsi et eorum singuli forent lollardi erat vera vel falsa; qui omnes et singuli divisim publice responderunt tunc ibidem se semper fuisse et esse innocentes pariter et immunes de et super omnibus objectis sibi tunc ibidem, et singulariter paratos obtulerunt canonice se purgare pro loco et tempore oportunis, et instanter rogaverunt prefatum reverendum patrem quatinus purgaciones canonicas eis et eorum cuilibet in forma juris indicere et prefigere dignaretur: ad quorum instantes peticiones et personales rogatus idem reverendus pater prefixit et assignavit xxiij diem mensis Julii proximo extunc futurum in ecclesia parochiali sancti Thome predicta ad purgandos se divisim legitime de et super premissis cum duodecima manu virorum proborum et honestorum bona fame et conversacionis honeste dicte ville Bristollensis de et super secta sive opinione lollardorum minime diffamatorum, suarum conversacionum

noticiam pleniorem verisimiliter obtinencium; decrevitque tunc 1417.
ibidem dictus reverendus pater et mandavit denunciaciones et proclamaciones fieri in parochialibus ecclesiis de Redeclyf, sancti Thome, et sancte Crucis Templi, Bristollensibus, quod si quis voluerit dicere vel opponere contra dictos Edmundum, Robertum, Jacobum et Robertum, vel eorum aliquem vel purgacionem alicujus eorundem impedire, veniat et compareat Fol. 134.
dictis die et loco ad dicendum, impediendum, opponendum et proponendum quicquam voluerit in hac parte. Quo quidem xxiii° die Julii adveniente sedenteque pro tribunali Magistro Johanne Welles, commissario supradicto, in ecclesia parochiali sancti Thome predicta, comparuerunt personaliter prefati Edmundus, Robertus, Jacobus et Robertus, lectoque certificatorio literarum proclamacionis et denunciacionis premissorum, factaque preconizacione in tali casu consueta nulloque contradictore sive oppositore vel reclamatore comparente, Magister Johannes, commissarius predictus, preclusit viam opponere volentibus. Edmundus Broun predictus de et super omnibus et singulis sibi, ut premittitur, alias objectis et ibidem iterato in publica audiencia vulgariter declaratis et recitatis, cum xiiij^ma^ manu compurgatorum virorum proborum et honestorum canonice se purgavit tunc ibidem. Robertus Wykham predictus de et super omnibus et singulis sibi, ut premittitur alias objectis, modo et forma consimili cum xiiij^ma^ manu compurgatorum virorum valencium et honestorum canonice se purgavit tunc ibidem; Jacobus Mustardemaker modo et forma consimili prout dictus Edmundus fecerat xiiij^ma^ manu compurgatorum, virorum honestorum et proborum, canonice se purgavit tunc ibidem; Robertus Harryes modo et forma per omnia consimili prout dictus Edmundus se purgaverat, ut premittitur, cum xiiij^ma^ manu compurgatorum, virorum proborum et honestorum, canonice se purgavit tunc ibidem; prefati quoque Edmundus, Robertus Wykham, Jacobus et Robertus Harryes, tactis tunc ibidem corporaliter sacrosanctis evangeliis abjurarunt in forma juris omnem et omnimodam heresim et errorem et omnem lollardiam, tam in genere quam in specie, et quod decetero abstinebunt ab omnibus conventiculis et comitivis suspectis et in casu quo in futuris aliquis eorundem sciverit aliquem lollardum vel aliquem suspectum de lollardia

1417. incontinenti de eo intimacionem faciet loci ordinario. Et tandem Magister Johannes commissarius predictus ipsos et eorum singulos legitime purgatos super premissis et eorum quolibet pronunciavit ac eos et eorum quemlibet quantum in eo fuit restituit bone fame; presentibus venerabilibus viris Magistris Johanne Schirford predicto, dominis Willelmo Duddelbury et Ricardo Janes, de Bedmynstre et sancte Crucis Templi ecclesiarum parochialium Bristollensium perpetuis vicariis, Thoma Norton, maiore, Johanne Newton, vicecomite, Bristolli, et aliis pluribus in multitudine copiosa.

Invenimus insuper in registris predictis quod Johannes Ruell, Johannes Jordan, 'souter,' et Johannes Colchestre, 'barbour,' de Bristollo liberati fuerunt de prisona regis ibidem per maiorem et vicecomitem ville predicte ad manus Magistri Johannis Storthwayt, utriusque juris bacallarii, commissarii dicti reverendi patris generalis, die Mercurii proximo ante festum Purificacionis Beate Marie, anno regni regis Henrici quinti post conquestum secundo, auctoritate brevis regii penes dictos maiorem et vicecomitem remanentis, ad subeundum juris processum in forma juris in materia sive negocio lollardie usque ad finalem pronunciacionem in eadem inclusive: quo quidem die Mercurii prefatus Magister Johannes Storthwayt, commissarius predictus, in ecclesia parochiali sancti Thome predicta sedens pro tribunali, prefatos Johannem, Johannem et Johannem, recepto primitus ab eorum quolibet juramento corporali prestito ad sancta Dei evangelia corporaliter tacta de veritate dicenda ad omnia interrogata in tota causa lollardie, interrogavit et examinavit singulariter et singillatim quid et qualiter ipsorum singuli in articulis fidei ac ceteris premissis super quibus dicti Edmundus, Robertus, Jacobus et Robertus, prout suprascribitur, fuerunt examinati et interrogati sentierunt. Ipsique separatim cum omni deliberacione constanter, sicut apparuit, responderunt se catholice hactenus sensisse ac pronunciaverunt se catholice sentire et inantea sentire velle et debere in eisdem nec usquam aliquid in oppositum catholice fidei aut deterioracionis ecclesie hactenus sensisse seu aliqualiter pertinaciter defendisse, et crimen heresis et erroris, tam in genere quam in specie, ac presertim capitula et articulos lollardie, super quibus, ut premittitur, fuerunt indictati et publice diffamati eis et eorum

cuilibet ex officio in foro mere correccionis anime per dictum 1417.
commissarium objectum et objecta, constanter negarunt et negavit quilibet eorundem ; et interrogati de fama que publice laboravit contra eos de crimine lollardie, ipsi omnes singuli responderunt dicentes assertive eam esse penitus animis veram, super quibus omnibus et singulis obtulerunt se paratos et instanter cum humilitate interpellarunt dictum commissarium se per viam canonice purgacionis seu aliam juris viam quamcunque racionabilem legitime declarari. Unde commissarius predictus ad eorum instantem peticionem et specialem interpellacionem prefixit et assignavit eis et eorum cuilibet diem Lune proximo post festum sancti Mathie Apostoli proximi futurum ad purgandos canonice se in premissis et quolibet premissorum in ecclesia parochiali predicta, manu xv^ma^ compurgatorum, proborum virorum, vicinorum bone fame et opinionis illese, qui in premissis nusquam fuerant diffamati, obtinentes verisimiliter suarum conversacionum noticiam meliorem, proclamacionesque et denunciaciones pro opponere volentibus contra dictam purgacionem vel eam impedire decrevit et fecit in forma qua supra commissarius supradictus. Quo quidem die Lune adveniente, comparuerunt prefati Johannes, Johannes et Johannes coram dicto commissario generali pro tribunali sedente in ecclesia predicta; et, lecto certificatorio literarum proclamacionis sive denunciacionis hujusmodi et nemine oppositore aut reclamante comparente, dicti Johannes, Johannes et Johannes, de et super omnibus et singulis superius sibi, ut premittitur, objectis et iteratis tunc ibidem vulgariter declaratis separatim in forma purgacionis, ut Fol. 134*d*.
prefertur, indicte se purgaverunt legitime et solemniter tunc ibidem, factaque abjuracione heresis, erroris ac lollardie, tam in specie quam in genere in forma que supra per ipsos et eorum quemlibet, eos omnes et singulos legitime purgatos in hac parte pronunciavit dictus commissarius et pro innocencia sua in premissis judicialiter declaravit, ipsosque et quemlibet eorum bone fame, quantum in eo fuit, restituit in hac parte. Que omnia et singula in registris prefati reverendi patris sic, ut premittitur, scripta et reperta vestre celsitudini harum tenore duximus intimanda, quam ad regni et populi commissi felix regimen dignetur Altissimus continuo prospere dirigere et

1417. feliciter conservare. Data Wellie, sub sigillo ad causas dicti reverendi patris apud nos, ut eo utamur, dimisso, quarto die mensis Octobris, 1417.

717. Oct. 20. Wells. The vicar general granted to John Kenne licence, for one year only, to have masses celebrated in a low voice by a fit chaplain, in the presence of him or his household, within his dwelling-place of Canyngton within the oratory situated there; without prejudice to the parish church there.

718. Same day and place. He granted for one year a dispensation according to the form of the chapter *Cum ex eo* to Master John Sodbury, rector of the church of Higham, to attend the study of letters in any part of England where exists a *generale studium*, and in the meantime to take the profits of his church in full; and granted also that if within one year of the time of his assuming the government of [his church] he take the order of the subdiaconate, he shall not be bound to take further orders in the meantime.

719. Oct. 21. Same place. Sir Thomas Schelford, canon of Wells, the bishop's special commissary for this, collated to Sir William Spaldyngton, priest, the parish church of Westcammell, vacant by the resignation of John Schelford, and instituted him as rector in the same.

720. Nov. 2. Same place. Pursuant to a commission of Philip, bishop of Lincoln, for an exchange of benefices between Sir Ralph Philipp, rector of the church of Chelworth, and Robert Kepenyl, perpetual vicar of the church of Weston of the diocese of Lincoln, the vicar general instituted the said Sir Ralph in the said vicarage at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Osney, reserving his induction and canonical obedience for the said bishop: And Sir Thomas Schelford, the bishop's commissary as above, collated to the said Robert the church of Chelworth, of the bishop's collation.

721. Writ of the king to bishop Nicholas or his vicar general
Fol. 135. of summons to a Parliament at Westminster on 16 November

next. Witness John, duke of Bedford, guardian of England, at Westminster, 5 October, 5 Henry V. Wymbyssh 3. 1417.

[*Summons to Parliament, Dugdale*, p. 401, *where the month of meeting is incorrectly given.*]

Nov. 3. The vicar general issued letters to the prior and chapter of Bath, the dean and chapter of Wells, and the archdeacons and clergy of the diocese to attend the above summons, to wit the prior, dean and archdeacons in person, the chapters by one proctor and the rest of the clergy by two proctors.

722. In a letter sent by bishop Nicholas to Sir Thomas Shelford, these words are contained amongst others;—Amice, volumus et potestatem tibi concedimus quod conferas Magistro Johanni Hody canonicatum in ecclesia nostra Wellensi et prebendam de Cumton Episcopi ex causa permutacionis cum ecclesia de Bryghtwell Sarisburiensis diocesis. [*See* fol. 137, *last entry.*]

o—◇— o signum. [*See* No. 734.]

723. Same day and place. Institution of John Slape, clerk, in the parish church of Cheddesey, vacant by the death of Master John Welles, last rector; at the presentation of Richard Hertecombe, John Scarburgh and John Bailly, esquires (Henry, bishop of Winchester, their co-attorney and co-proctor in this behalf being without the realm on his way to the Holy Land), patrons of the said church for this turn by authority of letters of Thomas de Monte Acuto, earl of Salisbury, now in Normandy on the king's service, exhibited to the registrar, of which a copy in the French language is written immediately below.

The said copy of the earl's letters, dated 17 July, 5 Henry V, appointing as his deputies and attorneys during his absence, Henry, bishop of Winchester, Master Henry Ware, keeper of the king's privy seal, Simon Gaunstede, keeper of the rolls of the chancery, Nicholas Wymbyssh, clerk of the chancery the above Richard, John and John, and William Alisaundre.

724. Nov. 8. London. Sir Thomas Shelford, canon of Wells, the bishop's commissary, collated to Master Thomas Stevenes, bachelor in laws, a canonry and the prebend of Fol. 135*d.*

1417. Combe quarta in the cathedral church of Wells, vacant by the death of Master John Welles.

725. Same day. Wells. The vicar general wrote to the king's majesty for the taking of the body of Thomas Durke of Taunton who has obstinately persevered more than forty days under the sentence of the greater excommunication.

726. RICHARD BRUTON, clerk, chancellor of Wells, vicar general of Richard bishop of London, to the VICAR GENERAL.

Oct. 23. London. Transmits for execution in the diocese a mandate of Henry, archbishop of Canterbury, dated in Lambeth manor, October 13, 1417, received by him on October 20, to summon the convocation of the clergy of the province to assemble at the church of St. Paul, London, on November 26.

Citation by the vicar general, pursuant to the above mandate received by him on November 18, of the president and chapter
Fol. 136. of Wells and through the president others beneficed in the church of Wells who exercise ecclesiastical jurisdiction, to appear before the archbishop in convocation as commanded, the president and chapter by one or two canons of sufficient learning, one at least to be of those actually resident in the same church, and the others in person; certifying him by November 22 of the names of the proctors elected by them as well as of the others cited that he may certify the archbishop thereon. Dated at Wells, November 18, under the seal of the bishop's consistory which he has at hand.

727. Nov. 8. Wells. The vicar general granted to John Northew and Thomas Mathew of the diocese, having the first tonsure, letters dimissory to all orders.

Fol. 136*d*. 728. Another mandate [pursuant to No. 726] went out to the prior and chapter of Bath to do that which concerns them and that church.

A like mandate also went out to the abbot of Glastonbury, to do that which concerns him and his jurisdiction.

The like mandate also went out to Master John Storthwayt,

commissary general, to cite the archdeacons, abbots, priors and 1417.
the clergy of the diocese to appear as above.

729. Nov. 20. London. Sir Thomas Schelford, canon of the cathedral church of Wells, the bishop's commissary general, collated Master Thomas Bubbewyth, bachelor in laws, to the chancellorship of the said church, vacant by the death of Master Richard Bruton, and of the bishop's collation.

730. The VICAR GENERAL to HENRY, archbishop of CANTERBURY.

Nov. 23. Wells. Certifies him of the execution of his mandate [No. 722]. The names of the cited are contained in the annexed Schedule :—

Schedule.

John, prior of Bath.
The chapter of the same.
The chapter of the church of Wells, the dean being absent.
John, abbot of Glastonbury.
John Iclyngton, archdeacon of Wells.
Roger Harewell, archdeacon of Bath.
Nicholas Calton, archdeacon of Taunton.
Leonard, abbot of Cleeve.
Thomas, abbot of Keynesham.
John, prior of Bruton.
Thomas, prior of Taunton.
The clergy of the diocese.

731. Dec. 2. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Adam Colyns, priest, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Wynesford, vacant by the death of Sir Walter Skynner; at the presentation of the prior and convent of Berlich.

732. Dec. 4. Same place. In furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Hurdelegh, rector of the parish church of Cryket Thomas, and Thomas Newton, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Charleton Adam, the vicar general Fol. 137.
instituted Sir William in the vicarage of the latter church at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bruton, and Sir Thomas in

1417. the church of Cryket Thomas, at the presentation of Sir William Botreaux, knight, patron for this turn.

733. Dec. 6. Wells. The vicar general committed the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs William Hulle, rector of the parish church of Ashyngton, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, and John Henton, perpetual vicar of the church of Dounton, of the diocese of Salisbury, to the vicar general in spiritualities in the city and diocese of Salisbury, the see being vacant, and the guardian of the spirituality there, deputed by Henry, archbishop of Canterbury; and, on receipt of a certificate of Master Simon Sydenham, doctor of laws, archdeacon of Salisbury, guardian of the spirituality and officiality of Salisbury in the voidance of the see, that on 7 December, at Salisbury, the said Henry Henton, chaplain, was accordingly instituted by him in the church of Ashyngton, at the presentation of Humphrey Stafford, knight, patron for that turn, he, on 11 December, received the canonical obedience of the presentee and gave a mandate for his induction.

734. Nov. 12. Same place. In furtherance of a commission of the above Master Simon Sydenham for an exchange of benefices between Masters Thomas Polton, prothonotary of the apostolic see, canon and prebendary of Compton Episcopi in the church of Wells, and John Hody, bachelor in laws, rector of the parish church of Bryghtwell, of the diocese of Salisbury, the vicar general instituted the said Master Thomas, in the person of Sir William Calf, succentor of the church of Wells, his proctor, in the said church of Bryghtwell, at the presentation of Sir John Forest, archdeacon of Surrey in the cathedral church of Winchester, canon of Lincoln and Lichfield, vicar general and commissary of Henry, bishop of Winchester, patron of the church; at the same day and place Sir Thomas Schelford, canon of Wells, commissary of bishop Nicholas, collated the said canonry and the prebend of Compton Episcopi to Master John Hody, precentor of Wells, in the person of Thomas Prestecote, literate, his proctor, and invested him as canon.

What was done in the furtherance of the exchange last aforesaid should be written in the second folio preceding at this sign o—◇—o.

735. Dec. 7. Wells. In furtherance of a commission of Master Henry Warde, licenciate in both laws, vicar general of Richard, bishop of London, for an exchange of benefices between Sirs Richard Danyel, chaplain of the chantry in the churchyard of Crukern, and John Glatton, chaplain of one of five chantries founded in the chapel of St. Mary by the Gildhall, London, the vicar general instituted Sir Richard in the last named chantry at the presentation of Richard Merlawe, mayor, and John Hille, chamberlain, of the said city, patrons for this turn; and Sir John in the chantry at Crukern, at the presentation of Sir Edward Courtenay, earl of Devon, patron for this turn. 1417. Fol. 137*d*.

736. Dec. 8. Same place. The vicar general granted to Master John Slape, having the first tonsure, parson of the church of Cheddesey, letters dimissory to all orders.

737. Dispensacio cum genito ex presbitero et soluta.

Johannes Roland &c. dilecto nobis in Christo Johanni Waleys, clerico, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Literas reverendi in Christo patris et domini, domini Petri, miseracione divina episcopi Tusculanensis, domini nostri pape penitenciarii, sanas et integras, non rasas, non abolitas nec in aliqua sui parte suspectas, sigillo suo oblongo in cera rubia pendente impresso signatas, recepimus tenorem qui sequitur continentes. Venerabili etc. . . Dei gracia episcopo Bathoniensi vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, Petrus etc., salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Ex parte Johannis Waleys, clerici, Wellensis diocesis, nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut cum eo, cum quo alias super defectu natalium quem patitur de presbitero genitus et soluta ut, eo non obstante defectu, posset clericali caractere insigniri auctoritate ordinaria fuit secum nunc dispensatum, cujus dispensacionis vigore se fecit rite clericali caractere insigniri, quod, dicto non obstante defectu, ad omnes possit minores et sacros ordines promoveri et beneficium ecclesiasticum eciam si curam habeat animarum sedes apostolica dispensare nunc dignaretur. Nos igitur, auctoritate domini pape, cujus primarie curam gerimus, et de ejus speciali mandato super hoc vive vocis oraculo nobis facto, circumspeccioni vestre com-

1417. mittimus quatenus, si est ita, consideratis diligenter circumstanciis universis que circa idoneitatem persone fuerint attendende, si paterne non sit incontinencie imitator sed bone conversacionis et vite, sufficientisque literature, super quibus vestram conscienciam oneramus, aliasque sibi merita suffragantur ad hujusmodi dispensacionis graciam obtinendam, secum super petitis nunc dispensetis; ita tamen quod idem clericus, prout requiret onus beneficii quod eum post dispensacionem eandem obtinere contingerit, se faciat statutis a jure temporibus ad ordines promoveri, et personaliter resideat in eodem, alioquin hujusmodi dispensacio gracia, quoad beneficium ipsum nullius penitus sit momenti. Date Rome, apud Sanctum Petrum, ii Non. Septembris, pontificatus domini Johannis pape XXIII anno tercio. Quibus quidem literis per nos inspectis, et consideratis diligenter circumstanciis universis qua circa ydoneitatem persone tue fuerint attendende, quia per et post inquisicionem diligentem factam de et super premissis invenimus te paterne incontinencie imitatorem non fuisse nec esse sed bone conversacionis et vite laudabilis, sufficienterque literature, suffragantibus tibi aliis meritis multiplicibus, tecum ut, nonobstante hujusmodi defectu natalium quem pateris de presbitero genitus et soluta, possis tam ad omnes minores quam sacros ordines promoveri, et beneficium ecclesiasticum, eciamsi curam habeat animarum, licite obtinere auctoritate literarum predictarum tenore presencium dispensamus; ita tamen quod, prout requiret onus beneficii quod te post dispensacionem presentem obtinere contigerit, te facias statutis a jure temporibus ad ordines promoveri et personaliter resideas in eadem, alioquin eadem dispensacio quoad ipsum beneficium omni careat robore firmitatis. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum ad causas dicti reverendi patris Bathoniensis et Wellensis episcopi apud nos, ut eo utamur, dimissum presentibus apposuimus. Data Wellie decimo octavo die mensis Decembris 1417.

738. Dec. 19. Same place. Sir Thomas Schelford, com-
Fol. 138. missary aforesaid, by authority of the bishop, collated to Richard, bishop of Innis Scattery, the parish church of Norton Hautevyle within the jurisdiction of Chiew, vacant by the death of Sir John Sutton, and instituted him as rector therein, and

his induction was demanded of the official of the said juris- 1417.
diction.

739. Dec. 22. Taunton. In furtherance of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Thomas Prydell, rector of the parish church of Ore, and William Drayton, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Dunster, the vicar general instituted the latter, in the person of William Forster, clerk, his proctor, in the church of Ore, at the presentation of Peter Eggecombe, esquire, patron at that time, and Sir Thomas in the church of Dunster, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

740. Dec. 26. Wells. Thomas Schelford, the bishop's commissary, by the authority committed to him, collated to Sir John Roland, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Asshull in the church of Wells, vacant by the death of Richard Bruton.

741. Dec. 27. Same place. He also collated to Sir John Knyght, priest, a canonry and the prebend of Bokelond Denham, in the same church, which Sir John Roland aforesaid held before.

742. Jan. 7, 1418. He also collated to John Osbern, clerk, a canonry and the prebend of Combe undecima in the same church which the said Sir John Knyght held before.

743. Henricus etc. venerabili etc. N. etc vel ejus vicario generali, salutem. Cum vos, ceterique prelati et clerus Cantuariensis provincie in ultima convocacione prelatorum et cleri hujusmodi in ecclesia cathedrali sancti Pauli Londoniensi, xxvj^to^ die mensis Novembris ultimo preterito incepta et usque in diem vicesimum instantis mensis Decembris de diebus in dies continuata, concesseritis nobis de quibuscumque bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis dicte provincie taxatis et ad decimam solvere consuetis necnon de quibuscumque beneficiis ecclesiasticis ejusdem provincie non taxatis nec ad decimum solvere consuetis quorum verus valor annuus ad decem libras se extendit, super quo valore et numero beneficiorum hujusmodi stabitur estimacioni et literis ordinariorum (bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis pauperum monialium et hospitalariorum, necnon bonis et beneficiis hujusmodi in partibus Wallie at alibi per incursus

1418. hostiles, inundaciones aquarum, incendium, aut aliter destructis vel nimium diminutis, super quibus eciam stabitur literis ordinariorum, bonis eciam et beneficiis collegiorum Beate Marie
Fol. 138*d*. Wyntoniensis in Oxonia et Beate Marie prope civitatem Wyntoniensem, de fundacione episcopi Wyntoniensis, que nos a solucione decimatum exemimus, aceciam ecclesia de Quaryndon, Lincolniensis diocesis, et ecclesia de Portlond, Sarisburiensis diocesis, dumtaxat exceptis) duas decimas terminis subscriptis solvendas, &c. Et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum diligitis nullatenus omittatis. Teste Johanne, duce Bedford, custode Anglie, apud Westmonasterium, xxij^to^ die Decembris, anno regni nostri quinto.

Deputation by the vicar general in obedience to the above writ, of the abbot and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol, impropriators of the parish churches of Were, Clyvedon, Poulet, Portbury et Tykenham, to collect the tenth due at the Purification next. Dated under the seal for the bishop's causes, Wells, 9 January, 1417–18.

Jan. 10, Wells. There went out a certificate of the vicar general to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer of the names of the collectors appointed.

744. As above. Sir Thomas Schelford, the bishop's commissary general, collated to Master Thomas Frome, bachelor of laws, a canonry and the prebend of Combe quinta in the church of Wells, which Master John Hody, precentor of that church, held.

Fol. 139. 745. A writ of the King [*as in* No. 716] for a certificate of what was done touching the purgation of Christina More of Bristol, lately indicted of Lollardy. Witness, W. Hankeford at Westminster, 28 November, 5 Henry V.

The vicar general's return to the said writ setting forth the process against the said Christina on July 23, 2 Henry V, to the same effect as in the return to No. 716, and of her purgation of the charge before Master John Storthwayt, the bishop's commissary general on 23 October. Dated at Wells, 10 January, 1417–18.

746. A *pluries* writ of the king to the vicar general to cause Thomas Beneham, late parson of the church of Lamhythe, co.

Surrey, clerk, to come before the justices at Westminster on the quinzaine of Hilary to answer Thomas Clyff, late parson of the church of Kynwardeston, co. Somerset, and prebendary of Compton in the king's free chapel of Totenhale, co. Stafford, touching a plea that he keep his covenant to lease to plaintiff the rectory of Lamhythe and the tithes, oblations, fruits, crops, and all rights and appurtenances of that rectory. Witness, R. Norton, at Westminster, 29 November, 5 Henry V, Easter last roll 79. 1418.

Chipstede.

Return on the dorse of the writ.

We have caused the within written clerk to be summoned and warned under penalty of the greater excommunication to be before the justices.

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747. Jan. 14. Wells. The vicar general granted to William Prelate, of the diocese, having the first tonsure, letters dimissory to minor orders and the holy orders of the sub-diaconate and the diaconate.

748. Breve regium ad plenius certificandum de numero beneficiorum infra diocesim valoris x*li.* per annum non taxatorum. Fol. 139*d.*

Henricus etc., venerabili etc. N. etc. salutem. Cum vos ceterique confratres vestri ac clerus Cantuariensis provincie in convocacione prelatorum et cleri hujusmodi in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensis xviij die Novembris anno regni nostri tercio concesseritis et concesserint nobis unam decimam de beneficiis non taxatis quorum verus valor ad x*li.* et ultra secundum communem estimacionem se per annum extendebat, super quo eciam valore staretur estimacioni et literis ordinariorum, solvendam in festo Nativitatis sancti Johannes Baptiste anno regni nostri quarto, prout in concessione predicta plenius continetur, ac vos thesaurario et baronibus de scaccario nostro certificaveritis quod ad levandam et colligendam decimam predictam in civitate et diocesi Bathoniensibus et Wellensibus et nobis fideliter inde respondendam abbatem et conventum Glastonie assignastis et deputastis collectores, prout per certificacionem vestram penes dictum scaccarium nostrum

1418. remanentem plenius est compertum in qua quidem certificacione de beneficiis non taxatis continentur beneficia subscripta tantum, videlicet vicaria de Southstoke, vicaria de Bathneston, in decanatu Bathoniensi, ecclesia de Obley, vicaria de Yatton, in decanatu de Redeclyff, ecclesia de Corscomb, ecclesia sive capella de Blakeford, in decanatu de Cary, vicaria de Kyngesbury, in decanatu de Ilchester, vicaria de Ilmynster, in decanatu de Crukern, vicaria de Mynhede, in decanatu de Dunsterre, et vicaria de Bannewell, in decanatu de Axebrugg, quodlibet istorum beneficiorum de valore x*li.* per annum et ultra. Et quia compertum est tam in compoto prioris de Bruton, nuper collectoris cujusdam consimilis subsidii, videlicet ij*s.* de libra domino Henrico, nuper regi Anglie, patri nostro, anno regni sui quinto, a clero Cantuariensis provincie concesse in diocesi predicta, quam in compoto abbatis de Keynesham, nuper collectoris cujusdam alterius consimilis subsidii, videlicet xvj*d.* de marca de beneficiis non taxatis nec ad decimam solvere consuetis domino Ricardo secundo, nuper regis Anglie, anno regni sui tercio, a clero predicto in diocesi predicta similiter concessi, quod iidem prior de Bruton et abbas de Keynesham onerantur et respondent ibidem de hujusmodi subsidio
Fol. 140. contingente diversa alia beneficia non taxata de valore x*li.* per annum et ultra secundum communem estimacionem, videlicet de ecclesiis de Tillesford et Elme, utraque earum valoris xiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*, ecclesiis de Northbarowe et Hornblewton, utraque earum valoris x*li.*, cantaria de Yevele, vicaria de Southbrent, utraque earum valoris xiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*, ecclesia de Breen, vicaria de Stokecursy, utraque earum valoris x*li.*, ecclesia de Fidyngton, valoris xiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*, vicaria de Wollavyngton, valoris x*li.*, vicaria de Dulverton, valoris xiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.*, vicaria de Godecombe, valoris xvj*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*, vicaria de Stokegommer, ecclesiis de Wydecombe, Stauntfordbrit et Chipstaple, vicaria de Lidiard Episcopi, qualibet earum valoris x*li.*, vicaria de Kyngeston, valoris xx*li.*, ecclesiis de Hatche, Chitton, Henton et Weston, vicaria de Asshton, ecclesia de Southstoke, capella de Alverton, vicaria de Cherd, qualibet earum valoris x*li.* et vicaria de Butley, valoris xiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.* per annum secundum communem estimacionem, et de ecclesia de Kynmerston, tunc valoris xxiiij marcarum, et que beneficia ad dictas summas

separatim tunc extendebantur juxta verum valorem eorundem ; 1418.
ob quam causam predicti abbas et conventus Glastonie superonerantur in compoto suo predicto de hujusmodi decima contingente dicta alia beneficia non taxata et in dicta certificacione vestra minime specificata, nos indempnitati nostre in hac parte prospicere et de predictis beneficiis non taxatis in certificacione vestra predicta omissis per vos plenius certiorari volentes, de numero ac de annuo vero valore eorundem beneficiorum sic omissorum tempore concessionis ultime decime predicte, vobis mandamus quod de numero ac de annuo vero valore eorundem beneficiorum non taxatorum tempore dicte ultime concessionis et in dicta certificacione vestra, ut predictum est, minime specificatorum, ac de quibuscunque aliis beneficiis in diocesi vestra predicta valoris x*li.* per annum et ultra, secundum communem estimacionem, ultra beneficia predicta per vos, ut predictum est, omissa in dicta certificacione ac in scrutinio predicto pro nobis facto contenta thesaurario et baronibus de scaccario nostro apud Westmonasterium in octabis sancti Hillarii sub sigillo vestro distincte et aperte certificetis, remittendo ibi tunc hoc breve. Teste W. Lasyngby apud Westmonasterium viij die Decembris anno regni nostri quinto. Per rotulum Memorandorum de anno quinto regis tunc, Pasche. Visus compotorum. Broket.

Certificatorium sive retornum brevis predicti.

Honorabilibus et circumspectis viris thesaurario et baronibus de scaccario domini nostri regis Johannes Roland etc. honores et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Breve regium presentibus annexum nos cum ea qua decuit reverencia nuper noveritis recepisse ; cujus quidem brevis auctoritate et vigore inquisicionem per viros fidedignos in hac parte juratos tam super numero quam eciam vero valore annuo beneficiorum non taxatorum infra diocesim Bathoniensem et Wellensem diligentem fecimus pariter et fidelem ; per quam quidem inquisicionem comperimus quod infra diocesim predictam vicaria de Southestoke vicaria de Bathneston ecclesia de Obley, vicaria de Yatton, ecclesia de Corscombe ecclesia sive capella de Blakeford, vicaria de Kyngesbury, vicaria de Bannewell sunt singulariter et separatim valoris x*li.* annuarum secundum veram estimacionem ac vicaria de Mynhede xx marcarum vicaria de Ilmynstre xvj marcarum

1418. annui valoris secundum veram estimacionem de quibus tantum et de nullis aliis beneficiis non taxatis dicte diocesis debebatur solucio decime domino nostro regi virtute concessionis sibi facte per prelatos et clerum Cantuariensis provincie in convocacione sua in ecclesia Sancti Pauli Londoniensi xviij die Novembris anno regni sui tercio. Comperimus eciam per inquisicionem predictam de vero valore annuo tempore concessionis predicte ac eciam hiis diebus ceterorum beneficiorum non taxatorum ejusdem diocesis in dicto brevi contentorum, de quibus alias certificare omisimus non sine justa causa veluti inferius apparebit, quorum verus valor annuus estimatur prout ex dictorum virorum fidedignorum sic ut premittitur juratorum, meliorem noticiam veri valoris annui hujusmodi beneficiorum verisimiliter obtinencium, per quos inquisicio hujusmodi capta fuit informacione didicimus sicut inferius annotatur ;—

vicaria de Southbrent estimatur communiter ad valorem annuum	vij*li.*
ecclesia de Breen estimatur ad	vij marcas.
ecclesia de Hache estimatur ad	vij*li.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*
ecclesia de Clotton estimatur ad	vj marcas.
ecclesia de Weston estimatur ad	xl*s.*
vicaria de Asshton estimatur ad	viij marcas.
ecclesia de Telesford estimatur ad	viij marcas.
ecclesia de Elme estimatur ad	c*s.*
ecclesia de Northbarowe estimatur ad	vj marcas.
ecclesia de Hornblawton estimatur ad	vj marcas.
cantaria de Yevele estimatur ad	vj*li.*
vicaria de Stokecursy estimatur ad	c*s.*
ecclesia de Fidyngton estimatur ad	vij marcas.
Fol. 140*d.* vicaria de Wollavyngton estimatur ad	viij marcas.
vicaria de Dulverton estimatur ad	x marcas.
vicaria de Cudecombe estimatur ad	xj marcas.
vicaria de Stokegommer estimatur ad	xij marcas.
ecclesia de Wydecombe estimatur ad	ix marcas.
ecclesia de Sampfordbrett estimatur ad	c*s.*
ecclesia de Chipstaple estimatur ad	viij marcas.
vicaria de Lydiard Episcopi estimatur ad	x marcas.
vicaria de Kyngeston estimatur ad	xj marcas.

ecclesia de Southstoke estimatur ad	viij marcas.	1418.
capella de Alverton estimatur ad	v marcas.	
vicaria de Chierd estimatur ad	xj marcas.	
vicaria ecclesie parochialis de Buteley nuperrime dotata est taxata unacum ecclesia parochiali ibidem, que taxatur ad xxij marcas et contribuit ad solucionem decime unacum rectoribus ejusdem pro porcione vicarie contingente.		
ecclesia de Kynmersdon non taxatur et appropriatur priori et fratribus Sancti Johannis Jerusalem et ipsi solent esse immunes a solucione decimarum.		

Et licet valor annuus beneficiorum proximo suprascriptorum alias estimabatur de facto temporibus bone memorie dominorum Ricardi secundi et Henrici quarti patris domini nostri regis qui nunc est, nuper regum Anglie, sicuti in dicto brevi continetur, istis tamen diebus ac tempore concessionis predicte fructus, redditus et proventus beneficiorum hujusmodi adeo fuerunt et sunt diminuti tum propter indisposicionem et maliciam temporum, mortes et pestilencias hominum, murinam animalium, tum ex eo quod terre dudum arabiles rediguntur ad pasturam et ob alias causas plures, quod ultra quam supra estimatur non erat alicujus beneficiorum predictorum annuus verus valor, sicuti in conscienciis suis justis mediis juramentis suis dixerant viri fidedigni predicti per quos capta fuit inquisicio memorata: eapropter alias de eisdem beneficiis certificare omisimus, justicia exigente. Que omnia et singula vestris reverenciis tenore presencium intimamus. In cujus etc. sigillum ad causas etc. Data Wellie 14 Januarii 1417–8.

749. Mandatum penitenciarii sedis apostolice ad dispensandum cum genito ex presbitero et soluta.

Veneralibi etc. episcopo Bathoniensi vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus generali, Jordanus, miseracione Divina episcopus Albanensis salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Ex parte Johannis Barton, clerici, vestre diocesis nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut cum eo super defectu natalium quem patitur de

1418. presbitero genitus et soluta, quod hujusmodi defectu nonobstante ad omnes possit ordines promoveri et beneficium ecclesiasticum obtinere, eciamsi curam habeat animarum, sedes apostolica dispensare misericorditer dignaretur. Nos igitur, auctoritate sedis apostolice, cujus penitenciarie curam gerimus, et de speciali mandato super hoc auctoritate apostolica nobis facto, circumspeccioni vestre committimus quatinus, si est ita, consideratis diligenter circumstanciis universis que circa idoneitatem persone fuerint attendende, si paterne non est incontinencie imitator sed bone conversacionis et vite sufficientisque literature, super quibus vestram conscienciam oneramus aliasque sibi merita suffragantur ad hujusmodi dispensacionis graciam obtinendam, super petitis dispensetis misericorditer cum eodem, ita tamen quod idem clericus prout requiret onus beneficii quod eum post dispensacionem hujusmodi obtinere contingeret se faciat statutis a jure temporibus ad ordines promoveri et personaliter resideat in eodem, alioquin hujusmodi dispensacionis gracia quoad beneficium ipsum nullius penitus sit momenti. Data Constancie viij Id. Novembris, 1417, apostolica sede pastore vacante.

The dispensation granted by the vicar general pursuant to the above mandate.

Fol. 141. This letter of dispensation should be written on the second folio preceding at this sign ⊙⁂. (*Cf.* No. 746.)

750. Johannes Roland etc. religiosis viris abbati et conventui monasterii Sancti Augustini Bristollensis, ecclesias parochiales de Were, Clyvedon, Portbury, Poulet et Tykenham vobis ac monasterio predicto unitas et appropriatas et in eorum usus perpetuo possidendas obtinentibus, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Quia nos alias per nostras certi tenoris commissionis literas, auctoritate brevis regii nobis in hac parte transmissi, vos collectores unius decime solvende domino nostro regi ad scaccarium suum in festo Purificacionis Beate Marie Virginis proximo futuro de beneficiis taxatis ac non taxatis valoris annui decem librarum et ultra secundum communem estimacionem infra diocesim Bathoniensem et Wellensem, legitime prefecimus et deputavimus prout eciam tenore presencium deputamus; quodque per easdem literas omisimus tunc, ex certis justis causis

impediti, vobis intimare de modo levandi unam decimam de 1418
beneficiis non taxatis dicte diocesis valoris annui x*li.* et ultra: idcirco quod adtunc omissum fuit vobis significari de non taxatis beneficiis hujusmodi, hoc vobis tenore presencium duximus intimandum, mandantes vobis, auctoritate brevis regii predicti, quatinus de beneficiis ecclesiasticis in annexa cedula conscriptis, que alias non extiterant taxata unam decimam estimacionis annui valoris eorumdem prout in dicta cedula annotatur, dicta beneficia contingencia colligi et levari faciatis, solvendam eidem domino nostro ad scaccarium suum in festo Purificacionis predicto sicuti ab eodem pro diligencia vestra in hac parte cupitis commendari ac in omnem eventum vestro volueritis periculo respondere. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas etc. xiiij° die mensis Januarii, 1417–18.

Estimacio veri valoris annui beneficiorum non taxatorum nec ad decimam solvere consuetorum de quibus decima debetur ista vice domino nostro regi virtute concessionis eidem domino nostro regi facte in ultima convocacione prelatorum et cleri Cantuariensis, provincie in ecclesia cathedrali Sancti Pauli Londoniensi xx^mo^ die mensis Decembris proximo preteriti.

In decanatu Bathoniensi.	
vicaria de Southstoke.	xv marcarum.
vicaria de Batheneston.	xv marcarum.
In decanatu de Redeclyff.	
ecclesia de Obley.	xv marcarum.
vicaria de Yatton.	xv marcarum.
In decanatu de Cary.	
ecclesia de Corscombe.	xv marcarum.
ecclesia sive capella de Blakeford.	xv marcarum.
In decanatu de Ilchestre.	
vicaria de Kyngesbury.	xv marcarum.
In decanatu de Crukern.	
vicaria de Inmynstre.	xvj marcarum.
In decanatu de Dunster.	
vicaria de Mynhede.	xv marcarum.
In decanatu de Axbrugge.	
vicaria de Bannewell.	xv marcarum.

1418. 751. Jan. 21. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir William Mere, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Compton Episcopi, vacant by the death of Sir John Strode ; at the presentation of Master John Hody, precentor of the church of Wells and prebendary of Compton Episcopi in the same.

752. Jan. 26. Same place. Sir Thomas Schelford, canon of Wells, the bishop's commissary, collated to Alexander Hody, clerk, the canonry and the prebend of Wedmor quarta in the same church, which Master Thomas Frome, bachelor of laws, held before.

Fol. 141*d*. 753. Jan. 27. The vicar granted to Richard, bishop of Innis Scattery, authority and licence to reconcile the churchyard of the parish church of Modeford, polluted by the shedding of blood.

754. Monicio facta collectoribus unius decime de diligencia levandi celeriter hujusmodi decimam.

Johannes Roland etc. (*as in* No. 750). Licet nos auctoritate brevis regii vos per certi tenoris commissionum nostrarum literas deputaverimus, prout nobis juste et authentice licuit, collectores unius decime [ut supra], adhuc tamen non didicimus de aliqua diligencia pro parte vestra hactenus effectualiter adhibita circa colleccionem et levacionem decime supradicte, unde non sufficimus admirari, presertim cum pecunia ex hujusmodi decima levanda ad usum illustrissimi domini nostri regis, ecclesie et regni Anglicanorum utilitatem, jurisque sui et corone Anglie adquisicionem putetur indubie applicari &c. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas etc. xxix° die mensis Januarii, 1417–18.

755. O⁂ Sequestrum interpositum in fructibus quarumdam ecclesiarum appropriatarum monasterio Sancti Augustini Bristollensis occasione non levacionis unius decime in forma abbati et conventui demandata.

Johannes Roland etc. dilecto nobis in Christo decanis decanatuum de Axbrugge et Redeclyve, ac curatis ecclesiarum parochialium de Portbury, Clyvedon, Tykenham, Were et Poulet, incolisque parochiarum ibidem, Willelmo Forster et

Willelmo Gybbeson, laicis, salutem in auctore salutis. Quia 1418.
nos decimas majores et minores ceterosque fructus, redditus et proventus omnes et singulos ecclesiarum predictarum ad rectores earundem, si qui sint, spectantes, eciamsi in manibus debitorum existant, occasione non solucionis decime domino nostro regi, cure negligencie et hospitalitatis defecte in eisdem, dimissionisque firmarum earundem contra canonicas sancciones ac injuste detentacionis sive occupacionis fructuum earundem, ceterisque causis certis et legitimis sequestravimus, prout eciam tenore presencium sequestramus, custodiam eorundem vobis in Domino committentes; vobis igitur conjunctim et divisim committimus et mandamus sequestrum nostrum hujusmodi debite publicetis ac decimas, fructus, redditus et proventus hujusmodi sub arto et salvo custodiatis sequestro donec aliud a nobis habueritis in mandatis, sicut de eisdem nobis vestro volueritis periculo respondere. Citetis insuper nichilominus peremptorie religiosos viros abbatem et conventum monasterii Sancti Augustini Bristollensis pro rectoribus dictarum ecclesiarum se gerentibus, si apud dictas ecclesias vel earum aliquam existant, vel procuratorem suum si quem dimiserint, quod compareant coram nobis in ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi die Jovis, videlicet xvii° mensis Februarii proximo futuro post datam presencium, titulos ecclesiarum hujusmodi si quos habeant coram nobis exhibituri ac veras copias earundem penes registrarium nostrum dimissuri, ulteriusque facturi et recepturi in premissis quod fuerit racionis. Hunc autem terminum brevem et peremptorium propter ipsius domini nostri regis utilitatem animarumque periculum et negocii qualitatem sic duximus moderandum. Et quid feceritis aut vestrum aliquis fecerit in premissis nos dictis die et loco debite certificetis aut sic certificet ille vestrum qui presens mandatum fuerit executus presencium cum tenore authentico sub sigillo. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas etc. xxix die Januarii 1417–18.

756. February 1. Wells. The vicar general committed to John, bishop of Salisbury, the business of an exchange of benefices between Sirs Walter Lambard, rector of the parish church of Brynkworth of his diocese, and John Duffeld, rector of the parish church of Badecombe; and, on receipt of his

1418. certificate shewing that in his manor of Wodeford on 6 February he had accordingly instituted the said Sir Walter in the church of Badecombe, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury, received the canonical obedience of the same Sir Walter by William Janet, literate, his proctor and gave orders the same day for his induction.

Fol. 142. 757. Feb. 4. Wells. The vicar general granted to John Barton, having the first tonsure, of the diocese of Bath and Wells, letters dimissory to the minor orders and the holy orders of the sub-diaconate and the diaconate.

758. As above. He instituted Sir John Richard, priest, in the parish church of Sutton Byngham, vacant by the death of Sir John Schoyl, last rector; at the presentation of Thomas Kayleway, esquire, at that time patron of the same church, as has been found by an inquisition made by Master John Storthwayt, bachelor of both laws, canon of Wells, the bishop's commissary.

759. Feb. 12. Same place. The vicar general granted to Nicholas Gervays, of the diocese, subdeacon, letters dimissory to the order of the diaconate.

760. Feb. 14. Same place. He granted letters dimissory to Richard Bocherd, of the diocese, acolyte, to the holy orders of the sub-diaconate and the diaconate; to John Benet, of the same diocese, sub-deacon, to the diaconate; to Thomas Capell, of the said diocese, subdeacon, to the diaconate; and to John Waleys, of the same diocese, subdeacon, to the diaconate and the priesthood.

761. As above. He instituted Richard Lassyndon, clerk, in the person of Sir Thomas Loweden, rector of the parish church of Colde Aysshton, his proctor, in the parish church of Burnet, vacant by the resignation of Master John Mybbe, last rector; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Mary's, Teukesbury, of the diocese of Worcester.

762. Certificatorium et execucio publicacionis sequestri de quo scribitur in folio proximo supra.

Venerabili viro domino Johanni Roland etc. vester humilis et devotus Willelmus Forster obedienciam et reverenciam debitas cum honore. Mandatum vestrum reverendum infrascriptum penultimo die mensis Januarii ultimo preterito recepi (ut supra proximo folio precedente ad tale signum ⊙⁂). Cujus auctoritate mandati ad ecclesias parochiales predictas ultimo die dicti mensis Februarii personaliter accedens sequestrum vestrum hujusmodi publicavi tunc ibidem ut mandatur. Prefatos vero religiosos viros vel eorum procuratorem de quo michi constare potuit ad quamlibet ecclesiarum parochialium predictarum diligenter quesivi: ipsos tamen nec eorum procuratorem citra recepcionem presencium ut ipsos citarem invenire non potui. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum decani decanatus de Radeclyff presentibus apponi procuravi. Et ego decanus antedictus ad personalem rogatum dicti certificantis sigillum officii mei presentibus apposui. Data apud Tykenham quoad sigilli mei apposicionem quinto decimo die dicti mensis Februarii anno domini quo supra. 1418.

[*Note in the margin.*] Hic supervenit quedam inhibicio curie Cantuariensis impetrata per partem abbatis et conventus sancti Augustini occasione dicti sequestri indebite, prout suggerebatur, interpositi, etc.

Johannes Roland etc. dilectis nobis in Christo decano decanatus de Redeclyff, Thome Large et Willelmo Gybbeson, literatis, nunciis nostris juratis, salutem in auctore salutis. Quia nos reportato certificatorio dilecti nobis Willelmi Forster, clerici, mandatarii nostri jurati, ad infrascripta specialiter deputati, cui per nostras certi tenoris literas dedimus in mandatis premunire et citare religiosos viros abbatem monasterii sancti Augustini Bristollensis et ejusdem loci conventum ecclesias parochiales de Tykenham etc. eis et eorum monasterio sicut dicunt unitas et appropriatas habentes, quarumque ecclesiarum fructus indies de facto percipiunt, quamvis de jure ipsorum in hac parte nobis nullatenus constiterit ad comparendos coram nobis certis die et loco ad exhibendos et docendos in forma juris de titulo quo dictas ecclesias occupent et fructus eorum percipiant didicimus quod idem mandatarius noster prefatos religiosos viros diligenter inquisitos invenire non potuit ut eos premuniret et citaret ad faciendos dictis die et

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1418. loco prout superius est expressum legitime procedentes, facta primitus protestacione subscripta, ipsos religiosos viros abbatem et conventum aut procuratorem suum si quem dimiserint in ecclesiis predictis aut aliqua earundem viis et modis per edictum citari et vocari ad diem et locum infrascriptos decrevimus ad exhibendos et docendos ut premittitur, justicia exigente, vobis conjunctim et divisim, facta per nos primitus protestacione quod in negocio sequestri per nos alias interpositi in fructibus dictarum ecclesiarum racione non solucionis decimarum domino regi ac dimissionis dictorum fructuum ad firmam contra canonicas sancciones ad ulteriora procedere aliqualiter aut attemptare non intendimus contra inhibicionem auctoritate curie Cantuariensis nobis, ut dicitur, factam, committimus et mandamus firmiter injungentes quatinus ad singulos dictarum ecclesiarum accedentes prefatos religiosos viros abbatem et conventum si personaliter ibidem apprehendi poterint, aut procuratorem suum si quem ibidem dimiserint, alioquin coram notis suis amicis et vicinis curatis capellanis et clericis parochialibus ibidem aliquibus diebus festivis interessentibus quando major affuerit populi multitudo, publice citacionis edicto, viis et modis quibus de jure poteritis peremptorie citetis quod compareant legitime coram presidente consistorii Wellensis in ecclesia cathedrali Wellensi die Jovis tercio die Marcii proximo futuro post datam presencium ad docendos de titulo quo dictas ecclesias et quamlibet earundem occupent et fructus earum et cujuslibet earundem percipiant, ulteriusque faciendos et recipiendos in hac parte quod fuerit racionis; hunc autem terminum brevem et peremptorium tum propter animarum periculum, domini nostri regis ac reipublice utilitatem, negocii qualitatem et loci vicinitatem sic duximus moderandum; intimando insuper tunc ibidem dictis religiosis viris, si intersint, aut in sua absencia procuratori suo, si quem dimiserint, alioquin coram curatis, amicis et notis, ac clericis supradictis quod, si dictis die et loco dicti religiosi viri comparuerint sive non, in premissis procedetur juxta constitucionem Gregorii decimi editi (*sic*) in generali consilio Lugdunensi ac alias ordinaciones canonicas editas in hac parte prout de jure fuerit procedendum, ipsorum contumacia in hac parte aut absencia non obstantibus. Et quid feceritis aut alter vestrum

fecerit in premissis prefatum presidentem dictis die et loco 1418.
debite certificetis aut certificet aliquis vestrum qui presens mandatum fuerit executus presencium cum tenore authentico sub sigillo. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas etc. xvij die mensis Februarii, 1417-18.

763. Feb. 26. Wells. The vicar general instituted Master William Mounteney, priest, in the parish church of Blakedon, vacant by the death of Sir William Heyworth, last rector; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Marys Grace by the Tower of London, of the Cistercian order.

764. Feb. 27. Same place. He instituted Sir John Bardolf, chaplain, as rector or warden of the free chapel of All Saints, Kyngeston by Yevele, vacant by the resignation of William Dogge; at the presentation of William Carent the younger, esquire, patron, as was shewn by the certificate upon an inquisition touching the right of patronage taken by Master John Storthwayt, commissary deputed for this. Tenor vero certificatorii de quo premittitur sequitur et est talis. Venerabilis discrecionis viro, domino Johanni Roland etc. vester humilis et devotus Johannes Storthwayt, utriusque juris bacallarius, etc. ad infrascripta sufficienter deputatus, obedienciam et reverenciam debitas cum honore. Literas vestras infrascriptas reverenter recepimus in hec verba; Johannes Roland etc. dilecto confratri nostro Magistro Johanni Storthwayt etc. salutem in omnium Fol. 143.
Salvatore. Presentavit nobis probus vir Willelmus Carent junior, armiger, dominum Johannem Bardolf, capellanum ad liberam capellam Omnium Sanctorum de Kyngeston juxta Yevele, vacantem et ad ipsius presentacionem, ut asserit, pleno jure spectantem. Quocirca vobis committimus et mandamus quatinus vocatis in speciale Willelmo Dogge, clerico, ultimo possessore ejusdem, ac probo viro Johanne Chidyok, armigero, si in humanis existat, alioquin herede suo, necnon in hac parte de jure vocandis, de et super vacacione hujusmodi, qualiter videlicet et a quo tempore incepit vacare, quis sit verus patronus seu qui sunt veri patroni ejusdem, quis presentavit seu qui presentarunt ultimo ad eandem, et ad quem seu quos jus et a quo jure ad ipsam presentandi pertineat ista vice, an sit litigiosa, pensionaria aut porcionaria, et si sic cui vel quibus qualiter et in

1418. quanto, quanteque sit taxe vel estimacionis; de meritis presentati, an sit liber, legitimus, honestus et idoneus, cujusque ordinis et etatis, an aliquid obsit presentanti aut presentato et an ex parte dicti presentantis seu presentati ad capellam predictam intervenit aliqua symoniaca pravitas seu alia paccio illicita, necnon de ceteris articulis et circumstanciis universis tam presentantis quam presentati personas contingentibus inquiri in talibus consuetis, per rectores, vicarios et alios viros fidedignos premissorum meliorem noticiam obtinentes in pleno loci capitulo diligenter et fideliter inquiratis; et quid per inquisicionem hujusmodi repperitis et feceritis in premissis nos hujusmodi inquisicionis negocio debite expedito certificetis per literas vestras clausas sigillo officii vestri impresso et pendente et eorum per quos hujusmodi inquisicio capta fuerit sigillis pendentibus consignatas ipsorumque nomina et cognomina et harum seriem continentes. Data Wellie sub sigillo ad causas dicti reverendi patris apud nos ut eo utamur dimisso xiiij° die mensis Februarii, 1417–18. Post quarum quidem literarum recepcionem et earum auctoritate inquisicionem de et super omnibus et singulis articulis supradictis et aliis in talibus fieri consuetis per rectores, vicarios et alios viros fidedignos pleniorem noticiam de premissis obtinentes in forma juris juratos, videlicet per dominos Willelmum Gore de Tyntynhull, Willelmum Hardy de Poyntyngton, Willelmum Hykkes de Westcoker, Walterum Turpyn de Chiryton, Johannen Lope de Berewyke, Johannem Sparke de Horsyngton, Thomas Kayle de Brympton, ecclesiarum rectores Ricardum Busshop de Milborn, Ricardum Spysour de Estcoker, ecclesiarum vicarios, Johannem Forde capellanum cantarie de Brempton, et Johannem Warmwell, Johannem Gyldon, Radulfum Manston et Willelmum Lombard, armigeros, in ecclesia parochiali de Yevele in pleno loci capitulo per nos ad premissa xix° die mensis et anni predictorum celebrato, fecimus diligentem et fidelem. Qui jurati dicunt quod capella libera de Kyngeston predicta vacat per resignacionem Willelmi Dogge clerici, ultimi possessoris ejusdem et incepit vacare xiiij° die mensis Januarii ultimo preterito. Willelmus Carent armiger habet jus presentandi ad eandem ista vice, eo videlicet quod manerium de Kyngeston cum advocacione capelle ejusdem dividitur in duas partes inter prefatum

Willelmum Carent et Johannem Chidyok, et iidem Willelmus 1418.
et Johannes et eorum heredes presentabunt alternis vicibus ad eandem capellam Johannes Chidyok ultime presentavit ad eandem jure suo hereditario pro parte sua ista vice. Dicta capella non est litigiosa, pensionaria nec porcionaria, nullius taxe, estimacionis annue decem marcarum. Dominus Johannes Bardolf presentatus ad eandem est liber, legitimus, honestus et idoneus, in ordine sacerdotali constitutus, etatis triginta annorum et amplius; nichil obest presentanti aut presentato quod sciant; nulla intervenit symoniaca pravitas aut illicita paccio inter presentantem et presentatum. Quam quidem inquisicionem sic per nos fideliter captam unacum nominibus et cognominibus inquisitorum hujusmodi sigillo officii nostri impresso et pendente, ac eorum per quos hujusmodi inquisicio capta fuit sigillis pendentibus, sigillatam vestre reverencie transmittimus inclusam. Data apud Yevele, xix° die mensis Februarii anno Domini supradicto.

765. Certificate to the president of the bishop's consistory by the dean of Redeclyf that on receipt on 18 February of the mandate [No. 762] he went in person on 20 February to the churches of Tykenham, Portbury and Clyvedon; and because he could not find the abbot and convent of St. Augustine's, Bristol, or their proctor there of whom he could be certain, he cited the abbot and convent publicly before those who knew them there on Sunday, the said 20th day of February, to appear Fol. 143*d*.
before the said president in the cathedral church of Wells on Thursday the third of March. Dated at Clyvedon under the seal of his office, 28 February.

766. Breve regium de mutando collectores unius decime deputatos et alios noviter ordinando.

Henricus etc. venerabili etc. N. etc., salutem. Cum nuper per breve nostrum sub magno sigillo nostro vobis mandaverimus quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestre diocesis, pro quibus respondere velletis, ad levandas et colligendas tam duas decimas nobis a clero Cantuariensis provincie in ultima convocacione prelatorum et cleri hujusmodi de quibuscumque bonis et beneficiis dicte provincie taxatis et ad decimam solvere

1418. consuetis, quam ad duas decimas nobis de quibuscumque beneficiis ecclesiasticis ejusdem provincie non taxatis nec ad decimam solvere consuetis, quorum verus valor annuus ad decem libras et ultra se extendit, nobis ad diversos dies solvendas concessas, infra dictum diocesim vestram assignaretis et deputaretis, thesaurarium et barones de scaccario nostro de nominibus illorum quos ad hoc assignaretis et deputaretis ante certum terminum jam preteritum certificando ; ac vos eosdem thesaurarium et barones ejusdem brevis pretextu certificaveritis quod ad duas primas decimas decimarum predictarum, unam videlicet de beneficiis taxatis et aliam de beneficiis non taxatis, in diocesi vestra predicta levandas et colligendas, abbatem et conventum sancti Augustini Bristollensis qui est de clero Wigorniensis diocesis, prout certitudinaliter informamur, contra formam cujusdam ordinacionis per clerum predictum in convocacione predicta facte assignastis et deputastis in nostri dampni (*sic*) et solucionis decimarum predictarum retardacionem manifestam : nosque de eisdem decimis omni celeritate possibili certiorari volentes, ut tenemur, vobis mandamus quod aliquos viros fidedignos de clero vestre diocesis pro quibus respondere volueritis ad decimas predictas in eadem diocesi vestra juxta formam concessionis predicte levandas et colligendas, prout moris est, assignari et deputari faciatis, ita quod nobis de decimis predictis citra crastinum Clausi Pasche proximo futurum, seu in eodem crastino ad ultimum, fideliter respondeatur, thesaurarium et barones de scaccario nostro de nominibus illorum quos ad hoc deputaveritis ad crastinum predictum ad ultimum distincte et aperte certificantes. Et hoc sicut nos et honorem nostrum diligitis nullatenus omittatis. Et habeatis ibi tunc hoc breve. Teste W. Kynwolmerssh, deputato H. Fitz Hugh, chivaler, thesaurarii nostri, apud Westmonasterium, xxiiij° die Februarii, anno regni nostri quinto. Per ipsum deputatum. Thresk.

March 1. Wells. Commission, in pursuance of the above writ, by the vicar general to the prior and convent of Bath, to be collectors in place of the said abbot and convent.

The estimate of the true yearly value of the benefices of the diocese not taxed of which a tenth is due to the king by virtue of the grant made in the last convocation etc., as above on the second folio preceding.

March 3. Wells. The certificate made to the treasurer and barons of the names of the collectors of the above tenth. 1418. Fol. 144.

767. March 9. Wells. The vicar general instituted Sir Philip Mellys, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Wedmore, vacant by the resignation of Sir John Leycestre; at the presentation of Master Walter Medeford, dean of Wells.

768. March 10. Same place. He granted to Thomas Benet and Nicholas Gervays of the diocese, sub-deacons, letters dimissory to the order of the diaconate.

769. March 17. Same place. He instituted Sir William Baryngton, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Meere, vacant by the death of John Burghale; at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Glastonbury.

770. March 22. Taunton. He instituted Sir William Cheyny, chaplain, in the perpetual vicarage of the parish church of Kylveston, vacant by the death of John Palmer, at the presentation of the prior and convent of Bath.

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